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*Curator, Madras Record Office.*

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# LETTERS TO FORT ST. GEORGE, 1757

## Volume XXXVII

[*From December* 18, 1756 *to December* 12, 1757.]

### No. 1.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favour'd with Your Honour &ca's. Commands by the Hartop Snow which arriv'd here the 8th. The Treasure & Stores consign'd Us thereon have been landed & the quota's designed for Ingeram & Bandermalka forwarded to those Factorys.

We are sorry to acquaint You with the Arrival here the 14th. Instant of his Majesty's Ship the Cumberland Rear Admiral Pocock, having lost her Passage to Bengall, being very sickly & in the utmost want of Provisions and Water, We are exerting our utmost endeavours to assist Her and have furnish'd the sick who are upwards of Three hundred & fifty with Quarters & what Refreshments We can procure, all the sick belonging to Captain Campbell & Callender's Company's are landed & no means or care shall be wanting to relieve them, the abovementioned Captains have applied to Us for Pay & Batta to their respective Companys which they represent they are in absolute want off, or at least a Part thereof, We intend therefore to issue them One Month's Pay; When the Men are somewhat recover'd which We hope will be in a fortnight more Mr. Pocock proposes proceeding to Fort St. George.

We must represent to Your Honor &ca. that by these unexpected Charges and others that will arise by the Cuddalore Sloop, the Long Boats &ca. Join'd to the Large advances We found it necessary to make our Merchants to carry on the Investment and who still make further demands, We find the late supply by the Hartop very insufficient to answer these Purposes, We therefore apprehend that We shall be obliged to draw on your Honour &ca. for a present supply of Cash, if We can Possibly procure any here, which We Persuade Ourselves You will not disapprove off in our Present Emergency nay We hope it will appear for the Interest of Our Honble Masters, as it will greatly forward our Investment which otherwise must be entirely at a stand, besides saving the sea risque of whatever sum We may draw for.

It is with great satisfaction We can acquaint Your Honour &ca. that We have succeeded in our Investment beyond Our Expectations having now on hand near seven hundred Bales & which if We can furnish Ourselves with Cash we hope to augment to near Eight hundred by the end of January.

The three Long Boats are very far advanc'd and We hope to send them You the beginning of next Month.

We transmit You herewith our Cash Account for November with our other Monthly Papers.

We have the honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir Sirs

Your most obedt. & most humble Servts.

J. L. Smith.

Marmaduke Best.

Vizagapatam

18th. December 1756.

*P.S.* We omitted mentioning in our Letter that our Storekeeper has presented us with an Indent of Military Stores which are absolutely wanted in this Garrison, We therefore hope Your Honour &c[a]. will if possible supply us therewith, Captain Campbell & Callender have also deliver'd in the Returns of their Companies by which Your honour &c[a]. may judge of their present state.

J. L. SMITH.
MARMADUKE BEST.

A LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Long Cloth ordinary | C[o]. 830 | 9 | p[s]. |
| D[o]. fine | 208 | 17 | |
| D[o]. Middling | 49 | 11 | |
| Salempores Ordinary | 25 | 6 | |
| D[o]. fine | 12 | 3 | |

INDENT of Stores wanting in the Garrison of Vizagapatam.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BRASS ORDNANCE with Boxes | | | |
| 3 Pounders compleat | | 2 | |
| 6 D[o]. | | 2 | |
| 1 HOWETZER OF 8 Inches | | | |
| 2 ROYAL MORTARS | | | |
| SHELLS | | | |
| 8 Inches | 300 | | |
| 5½ D[o]. | 200 | | |
| IRON SHOTT | | | |
| 3 Pounders | 1000 | | |
| 6 D[o]. | 1000 | | |
| FUZEES 8 Inches | 350 | | |
| Europe Match | 100 lb. | | |
| Lawn Sieves | 2 | | |
| GUN POWDER | | | |
| Europe Cannon | 25 | | Barrels |
| D[o]. fine | 15 | | D[o]. |
| Country Cannon | 100 | | |
| D[o]. fine | 30 | | |

VIZAGAPATAM
18[TH]. DECEMBER 1756.

MARMADUKE BEST,
*Military Storek[r].*

LIST OF THE PACKET.

1 General Letter.
2 Paymaster's Accounts for October.
3 Duplicate General Letter, dated 15 Nov[r].
4 Increase & decrease for October.
5 Warehousekeeper's Account for D[o].
6 Storekeeper's D[o]. for D[o].
7 Diaries & Consultations for November.
8 Cash Account for D[o].
9, 10, 11, 12. Account Stores &c[a]. supplyed the Arcot Snow.
13 Sea & River Customer's Account for October.
14 A Return of Capt[n]. Campbell's Company.
15 D[o]. Capt[n]. Callender's D[o].
16 Indent of Military Stores.
17 A List of the Packet.

N[o]. 2.

TO THE HON~BLE~ GEORGE PIGOT ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HON~BLE~ SIR & SIRS

Your Commands by the Hartop accompanying a supply of 10000 Ten Thousand Madrass Pagodas has been receiv'd which I hope to Invest by the latter end of next Month if I meet with no Impediment; Agreable to an Order

receiv'd from the Secret Committee of Fort St. George, I have on this Sloop the Nancy laden ninety /90/ Bales of Callicoes on Account & Risque of the Honble Company, amounting /as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed /to/, 9402 17 68/Nine Thousand four hundred two Pagodas, Seventeen Fanams and sixty Eight Cash which I hope will arrive safe—Having labour'd under an ill State of Health for some time past, I am to request Your Honour &ca's. Permission to come to Madrass for the Recovery of it.

By this Conveyance comes duplicate Copy of the Books of this Settlement, Ending April 1756.

At the foot hereof is the Account of Cloth on hand & I am

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most obedient servant
FOSS WESTCOTT.

INGERAM
24TH. DECEMBER 1756.

| | | At the Wash. | | Embaled. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| I. C O. | .. .. .. .. .. | 38 | 16 | 19 |
| I. C. M. | .. .. .. .. .. | 30 | 4 | 6 |
| I. C. F. | .. .. .. .. .. | 23 | 15 | 5 |
| | Corge. .. | 92 | 15 | Bales 30 |

## No. 3.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This is just to advise You that Yesterday arrived in this River, the Nancy Sloop from Ingeram, with 92 Bales of Cloth on Board, Acct. the Honble Company, & to forward to your Honour &ca. Her Packets.

The Syrang makes many objections to attempting his Passage to Madrass yet, pleading the Wind & Current so much against him, that he's apprehensive He should rather loose Ground. I shall be glad of Your Honour &ca's. directions regarding her.

I am with Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. humble Servt.
JAS. BOURCHIER.

DEVE COTAH
1ST. JANRY. 1757.

## No. 4.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have receiv'd Your favour of the 23d. Ultimo.

Enclos'd You will receive a Translation of a Petition delivered Us in Malabars by Trevengoddam late Conicoply of the Lascars, against Captain D'Illens. Having before transmitted you a Charge against the said Trevengoddam, We wait Your Honour &ca. Directions in regard to both.

We are with respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. humble Servts.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
ROBT. SLOPER.
CHAS. TURNER.

FORT ST. DAVID
4TH. JANUARY 1757.

*Translate of a Petition.*

TO THE WORSHIPFULL ALEX^R. WYNCH ESQ^R.
&C^A. GENTLEMEN COUNCIL OF FORT S^T. DAVID.
THE HUMBLE PETITION OF TRIVANGADOM LASCAR'S CONICOPLY

SHEWETH

After the Arrival of Col. Clive he examin'd into the late Transactions of the Train Office, sent for Your Petitioner & order'd him to act according to his Commands & attend on M^r. Kelsell whom he appointed to take care of the Lascar's Accounts, which Orders was continued for 10 Days, soon after Col. Clive departed to Fort S^t. George when at the latter end of that Month, at the Pay Day Captn. D'Illens refused to pay the Lascars according to Your Petitioner's Account, but according to his own account quited stopping the full absent Lascars Money, but only stopt 5 days Money out of 10 days absent, & 2 days out of 5, He encreas'd the Pay of the Syrongs & Tondells, allowed Pag^s. 2 to each of the Cooley Lascars, who deserve no more than 1½ & 1¾ Pag^s. ℔ Month, Your Petitioner told Capt^n. D' Illens that it was not proper for him to do so, but ought to act according to the Company's Books. To which Capt^n. D'Illens replied that your Petitioner has no business to say anything to him about it, & therefore striken'd Your Petitioner, since which the Lascars were paid according to Capt^n. D' Illen's Order for three Months at the Pay day for the Month of November Mess^rs. Turner & Call coming to Muster the Lascars, enquired Your Petitioner into the Character of each of Them, Your Petitioner replied that some of Them were fit for the Lascar's Duty, some cook, some Cooley, some Pallankeen Boys, & Roundell Fellows upon which the said Gentlemen ask'd your Petitioner into the Reasons of such Fellows has been admitted into the Company's Service, Your Petitioner replied they were inlisted by Order of Capt^n. D. Illens which occasioned Capt^n. D'Illens to be displeas'd with Your Petitioner & forbided him calling on the Lascars Roll the Next Morning & told him that he will not continue him any longer in the service, but bid him retire. The following day Your Petitioner went to call the Roll when M^r. Kelsell was present, at which time Capt^n. D'Illens stricken Your Petitioner with his Cane & turn'd him out of the service, Your Petitioner remain'd quiet, thinking that he ought not to make any Complaints against his superior, but as Capt^n. D'Illens exhibited a Complaint against your Petitioner, Your Petitioner do therefore assume to represent some Transactions which are as follows.

That Capt^n. D'Illens never did employ the full Compliment of the Lascars mention'd in the Company's Books, but shorten'd Them as he did in Camp, & at Pay Day He brought Cooley Fellows to stand in for Muster, & so He receiv'd the Pay of all such deficient Lascars, Acco^t. particular of which is herewith presented to Your Worship &c^a's. Inspection.

The Lascars have several Charity Places in the Place, on acco^t. of which they annually paid Your Petitioner at f^s. 2 & f^s. 3 each, besides 10 or 15 Cash in the Exchange of Pagodas, all which Your Petitioner has by their Consent disburs'd for the said Charity Uses.

Your Petitioner have served the Hon^ble Company ab^t. 20 Years under 20 Command^ts. of Train, with a great deal of diligence, in the Expeditions of Pondicherry, Marattas & Deve Cotah, but now Capt^n. D'Illens without any Crime committed by Your Petitioner dismiss'd him out of the service, Mess^rs. Robins & Brohier have been pleas'd to order Your Petitioner to keep the Lascar's Acc^ts. & also Engineer's Acc^ts.

One Tripely Debash was formerly confin'd in Madras with Fetters about the space of One Year for a Theft he committed in a Gentleman's House, was employed at the Fort Works and afterwards turn'd out of the Bounds, He now

admitted himself into the service of Capt$^{n}$. D'Illens, He demanded Your Petitioner to give him some Bribe, which Your Petitioner refused to do, He sent 8 or 10 Lascars every day to cut down Trees in the Bounds in the name of Comp$^{s}$. Works, & Carried Them to his House for his own Use, He also stopt 6 Lascar's Pay in the Month of November under pretence of their having work'd in Your Petitioner's House, which Your Petitioner begs Your Worship &c$^{a}$. will please to examine into, & order their Pay to be return'd. The Oldest Syrongs were turn'd out of the Service, and a Pagoda was encreas'd to One Mootal a Drunker, who is encourag'd to raise falsities. Two Rupees was costed to make Jackets to each of the Lascars, but 3 Rupees was charged to each of Them & all that sum was stopp'd & paid to Capt$^{n}$. D'Illens; some of the Lascars refused to take the Jackets, which the said Tripoly and One Mootal acquainted Capt$^{n}$. D'Illens that Your Petitioner forbid Them taking them, & by Your Petitioners remain$^{g}$. in the service he cannot get one Cash Profit, so they Invented Capt$^{n}$. D'Illens with many false Storys, & depriv'd Your Petitioner's Bread.

All which Your Petitioner refers to Your Worship &ca's. Consideration & humbly implore you will please to reinstate Him, who has not committed any Crime, but did behave according to the Company's Order, which put an Stop to the Advantage of Capt$^{n}$. D'Illens. Whoever serv'd the Company with Diligence their Pay was not taken from Them till now Your Petitioner further begs to set forth that Capt$^{n}$. D'Illens receiv'd, Marline & Europe Twine from the Military storehouse in the Name of the Comp: Works, but made a Net with about ¾ Candy of them, which your Petitioner refers to Your Consideration, & as in Duty bind shall ever Pray.

3$^{D}$. January 1756/7. (Sign'd) Trivangadom.

Acc$^{T}$. Ready Money taken by Captain D'Illens from the Lascars, Viz.

| | | Pa | Fa | Pa | Fa | Ca |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1755 | | | | | | |
| Decem$^{r}$. | To 5 Lascars deficient .. .. | 5 | — | | | |
| | To paid short to the Lascars at ¼ Pags. each .. .. .. | 12 | 9 | | | |
| | To Interest on the Advance of Pag$^{s}$. 400 @ f$^{s}$. 3 ꝑ pag: .. .. | 28 | 24 | | | |
| | To absent Lascars .. .. .. | 19 | 28 | | | |
| | | | | 65 | 19 | — |
| 1756 | | | | | | |
| January | To 9 Lascars deficient .. .. | 17 | — | | | |
| | To paid short to the Lascars @¼ pag: each .. .. .. .. | 11 | 9 | | | |
| | To interest on the Advance of Pag$^{s}$. 350 @ f$^{s}$. 3 ꝑ Pag$^{s}$: .. .. | 25 | — | | | |
| | To absent Lascars .. .. .. | 19 | 31 | | | |
| | | | | 72 | 40 | — |
| Febry | To 9 Lascars deficient .. .. | 18 | — | | | |
| | To paid short to the Lascars @ ¼ Pag$^{s}$. Each .. .. .. | 10 | 9 | | | |
| | To interest on the Advance of Pag$^{s}$. 300 at f$^{s}$. 3 ꝑ Pag$^{a}$. .. .. | 21 | 18 | | | |
| | To absent Lascars .. .. .. | 15 | 38 | | | |
| | | | | 65 | 23 | — |
| March | To 9 Lascars deficient .. .. | 18 | — | | | |
| | To paid short to the Lascars @ Pag$^{s}$. ¼ each .. .. .. .. | 9 | 27 | | | |
| | To Interest on the advance of Pag$^{s}$. 250 at f$^{s}$. 3 ꝑ Pag: .. .. | 17 | 36 | | | |
| | To absent Lascars .. .. .. | 48 | 22 | | | |
| | | | | 94 | 1 | — |
| | Carried over Pag$^{s}$. .. | | | 297 | 41 | — |

| 1756 | | Pa. | Fa. | Pa. | Fa. | Ca. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Broght over .. | | | 297 | 41 | — |
| April | To 11 Lascars deficient .. .. | 22 | — | | | |
| | To paid short to the Lascars @ Pags. ¼ each .. .. | 26 | — | | | |
| | To Interest on the advance of Pags. 320 at fs. 3 ꝑ Pag. .. .. | 22 | 36 | | | |
| | To absent Lascars .. .. | 47 | 37 | | | |
| | | | | 118 | 31 | — |
| May | To 15 Lascars deficient .. .. | 29 | 10 | | | |
| | To paid short to the Lascars @ Pags. ¼ each .. .. .. | 22 | 27 | | | |
| | To Interest on the advance of Pags. 320 at fs. 3 ꝑ Pag. .. .. | 22 | 36 | | | |
| | To absent lascars .. .. .. | 61 | 5 | | | |
| | | | | 135 | 36 | — |
| June | To 14 Lascars deficient .. .. | 28 | — | | | |
| | To paid short to the Lascars at Pags. ¼ each .. .. .. | 12 | — | | | |
| | To Interest on the Advance ef Pags. 320 at fs. 3 ꝑ pag. .. .. | 22 | 36 | | | |
| | To absent Lascars .. .. .. | 65 | 9 | | | |
| | | | | 128 | 3 | — |
| July | To 14 Lascars deficient .. .. | 28 | — | | | |
| | To paid short to the Lascars @ Pags. ¼ each .. .. .. | 12 | 9 | | | |
| | To Interest on the Advance of Pags. 270 at fs. 3 ꝑ paga. .. .. | 19 | 12 | | | |
| | To absent Lascars .. .. | 62 | 32 | | | |
| | | | | 122 | 11 | — |

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|---|---|
| To Gardners .. .. | 4 |
| To Taylors .. .. | 2 |
| To Compridore[1] .. .. | 2 |
| To Servts. .. .. | 4 |
| | 12 at Pags. 24 |

ꝑ Mo. is for 12 Months ... 288

Pags. .. 1090 38

Thus was Monthly stopt out of the Pay & paid to Captn. D'Illens, this He thought was discover'd to the Gentlemen by Me to his Disadvantage & therefore dismiss'd Me out of the service,. Therefore I humbly beg You will please to Reinstate Me.

3D. JANUARY 1756/57 (Sign'd) TRIVANGADOM.

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**No. 5.**

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &cA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclosed You will receive Copy of a Petition & Letter delivered in by Captn. D'Illens, which he desired might be transmitted to Your Honour &ca.

We are with Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. humble Servts.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
ROBT. SLOPER.
CHAS. TURNER

6TH. JANUARY 1757.
FORT ST. DAVID

1. Compradore—a kind of house—steward, who keeps the household accounts and purchases necessaries—page 243 Hobson—Jobson.

To ALEXR. WYNCH ESQR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

As Mr. Wynch has acquaint[ed] Me that Trevengoddam late Lascar's Conicobler & still continued head Conicobler of the Artificers, did lay'd yesterday before the Council assembled in Mr. Norris's House some Complaints against Me, which You have found proper to send immediately to Madrass, I should be extreamly obliged to you Gentlemen if you will also be so kind as to send to the Presidency the present Copy of a Petition which the said Black Conicobler presented to Me at my Arrival at this Place, I shew the Original once to Mr. Clive but he would not take any Notice of it. This Petition will be a supplement to my Charge against the Black fellow or to his Complaint against Me.

I am
Your most obedt. humble servt.
GENTLEMEN
LEWIS D'ILLENS.

FORT ST. DAVID
5TH. JANUARY 1757.

TO CAPTAIN D'ILLENS COMMANDER
OF THE HONBLE COMPANY'S TRAIN OF ARTILLERY.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF TRIVENGODDAM CONICOPLY

SHEWETH

Your Petitioner takes liberty as Your Honour is a stranger here to inform you Your Honour is wrongfully displeas'd with Him for turning out the 4 Lascars more then the 4 for Your service, and through Malicious suggestions of Your Petitioner's Enemys have been brought to imagine he did it with a view to his own Interest, therefore he must inform you it was entirely to improve Your Honour's Perquisites for the Reentrance of 4 Lascars in their room is 2 Pags. from each for Entrance Money for your Honours as your Petitioner always got it for former Captains it being stop'd from each Person at ¼ Pagoda ⅌ Mensom Your Honour's Interest alone was the Motive that induced Him to it all which & that Your Petitioner makes Your Honour Interest his study he hopes day by day in 2 or 3 Months You'll be convinc'd for Your Petitioner has served Conicopler to the train for 20 Years and by reason he always prompted faithfully the Interest of the Captains he gain'd the Envy of several Gentlemen who could not have the Lascars at their service and who will be glad of an Opportunity through means to come to knowledge of the Captain's Perquisites in that branch, an Instance was in Mr. Merriman's time who being jealous Your Petitioner lessen'd his Perquisites, ordered serjeant Carter to take an Account of the Lascars which exposed the said Perquisites and was by some reported to the Governour who ordered to Paymaster to pay them, who the Captain always paid before, besides a particular daily Report to be made him of the sick & absent, which was a great detriment to the Perquisites, so you have been pleas'd to order Your Writer to take an Account which may perhaps prove of Prejudice to the Perquisites. When your Petitioner had Charge of a Branch in the Gun Room that Mr. Carter has now in charge Your Petitioner always made a Perquisite of it for the Captain which is now lost. Your Petitioner begs leave to repeat that he was respected by all the Captains and hopes by degrees You'l be satisfied he of his Fidelity & Zeal for Your Honour's Interest & equally gain Your Respect which will in duty bind

Your Petitioner ever to pray.

I certifie the above Copy is conform to the Original Petition which lay in my hands.

LEWIS D'ILLENS.

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 5TH. JANUARY 1757.

**No. 6.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on Your Honour &ca. by the Ankatasium Christopher Oliphant Master, on board whom I have laden two hundred & Eight Bales on Account of the honble Company as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclos'd Monsr. Bussie's Camp lying still at Elure, & their Designs unknown I did not chuse to detain this Vessell, What more Cloth I can get ready by the latter end of this Month shall be sent by a sloop I expect from Vizagapatam. I have also by this Conveyance sent 8 Coils of Cordage; which being in no Demand here I thought better to return. When it suits Your Honour &ca's Conveniency I shall be much obligd to you for a supply of Stationary; an early supply of Pagodas will greatly facilitate the Investment of the ensuing Year.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs

Bandarmalanka — Your most obedt. & most obliged humble Servant,

January the 7th. 1757. — John Andrews.

*P.S.* The Annual Report, Acct. Quick Stock, List of the Military & Month's Accts. are enclosed.

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**No. 7.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This is to advise You the Cowle for Arrack Farm expires the 1st. February Old Still, and We beg leave to acquaint you that the Postcript in the last Cowle granted to Tonneveroy Pillah & Cootah, prohibiting all Persons whatsoever from selling Toddy in the Buzars, or any other part of the honble Compy's Bounds, except the Gardens where the Toddy Trees grow, is in general thought a great Grievance by the Inhabitants & Proprietors of Gardens As this Clause was never in any Cowle but the last, We submit it to Your Honour &ca's. Judgement whether it had not better be left out in the next.

We are with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servts.
Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Chas. Turner.

Fort St. David
14th. January 1757.

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**No. 8.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By this Sloop the Sea Horse I have laden the remainder of my Investment being (130) One Hundred & Thirty Bales on Account & Risque of the Honble Company, amountg. to Pags. 12279 3 52 Twelve thousand Two hundred & seventy nine Pagodas, three fanams & Fifty two Cash, as also a Bale of Broad Cloth amounting to (Pags. 158–28–56) One hundred and fifty Eight Pagodas,

Twentw Eight Fanams, & Fifty six Cash, being what We have no Occasion for at present, having reserv'd as mcuh as Our Necessity may require; Invoices & Bills of Loading for the same come enclos'd, as likewise the Account Quick Stock & Cash Account to this Time, By which Your Honour &c^a^. will Perceive that being in want of Cash to defray the Expences of this Garrison I have taken the Liberty to draw on You for the amount of (1000/-) One Thousand Star Pagodas, payable to Charles Bourchier Esq^r^. for value reced into the honble Company's Cash here, which I hope You will honour.

I wish the sloop well to You, & am with great Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servant
Foss Westcott.

Ingeram
16th. Janry 1757.

## No. 9.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This is to advise I have this day drawn on You for One Thousand (1000) Star Pagodas in favour of Charles Bourchier Esq^r^. at Fort St. George, for value receiv'd into the Honble Company's Cash at this Place, which I am to request you will honour being

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servt.
Foss Westcott.

Ingeram
16th. Janry 1757.

## No. 10.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

With my Address to Your Honours by the Bestsey Ketch Captn. Edward Roach who sail'd from hence the 8th. of last Month for some part of the coast, I sent the Publick Accounts of this Island made up to the 1st. of October 1756, I likewise acquainted Your Honours with the Arrival of the snow Overbeck, Captn. Robert Hortford from Bengal with a Cargo of Rice, which I purpos'd to Purchase, if cheap on the Honourable Company's Account, but as there is some Prospect of getting Pady from the Country, as their Crops have been very fine this season, I have only taken 450 Bags @ 3 Rupees ℔ Bag, as I believe it might be necessary to secure some here in case of a disappointment up the Country.

There have been no Advices from Dragon, or any other material News from that quarter since the late Embassy here, which I informed Your Honours of in my last, and that I had spared to the King of Ava 12 Chests of Gun powder for which I received Payment, and have accordingly given the Honble Company Credit for the same in December Accounts.

I have now sent by the Overbeck Captain Holford the Publick Accounts of this Settlement Compleated to the 1st. of January 1757, and I hope the same may meet with Your Honour's Approbation.

As We have some reason to believe Timbers & Plank might be acceptable on the Coast, I have taken the Liberty to send by this Opportunity 40 Teak Timbers, and 54 Teak Plank which go consign'd to Your Honours as ℔ Invoice and Bills of loading herewith transmitted, and would have sent a much larger Quantity if the Vessell could have contain'd Them.

I have likewise taken this Opportunity to send over all the Papers and Effects belonging to the Estates of the late Captn. John Howes, and Mr. Thomas Carlton deceas'd, with such Monies as were found here exclusive of

the Honble Company's Cash as by the accounts transmitted to Colonel Stringer Lawrence will particularly appear, the Ballance of which (9529–14–4) Nine Thousand five hundred, & Twenty Nine Arcot Rupees, Fourteen Anaes, four Pice, I have taken into the Honble Company's Cash, and have drawn Bills of Exchange for the amount thereof in favour of Colonel Stringer Lawrence I hope they will meet with Your Honour's Acceptance.

I must humbly hope that Your Honours will put the most favourable Construction on my Proceedings, as I am conscious of taking no steps but what I believe to be right and that may be conducive to the Interest of the Settlemt.

Upon the repeated Sollicitations of Lieutt. Keith who has labour'd under a bad state of Health for some Months past and Doctor Swinton having likewise represented to Me in writing that his going to the Coast would be the most probable means to recover Him, I have consented to his removal, and he is now to embark on board the Overbeck Snow who proceeds directly to Fort St. George, I have enclosed to Your Honours a Copy of Doctor Swinton's Letter which I hope will be a Justification for my Proceedings.

I have herewith transmitted to Your Honours a Copy of the Indent which went by the Betsey Ketch and is for such stores as are absolutely necessary for the safety & Preservation of the Settlement, the Articles of White Gurrahs which is used for Burials was omitted in the last and I am very sorry that We have Occasion to make so great a Demand for it.

The Military have been very sickly these last two months, there has been sometimes near Thirty in the Hospital and most of those that were out were doing Duty with Fevers and Agues upon Them, the Black People have likewise had their share of sickness, there was 50 sick, and incapable of work the 1st. of this Month.

The Soldiers' Barracks & the Storehouses for Provisions &ca. are in bad Repair and must be refitted before the next Rainy season.

I would humbly propose to Your Honours the building a new Barrack the Foundation of which should be rais'd four feet from the surface, and if it was likewise floor'd and lin'd with Plank it might I believe be a great step towards saving many soldiers Lives, I have already employed Peguers who are cutting the Timbers, & have begun to raise the Ground for a Foundation but shall not proceed to the Flooring or Lining with Plank till I receive Orders from Your Honours on that Head.

I have receiv'd into the Honourable Compys Cash Arcot Rupees (616–5–10) six hundred & sixteen, Five Anaes, & Ten Pice which has arisen from the sale of Sundries belonging to, Messrs. Brooke & White Hill and have accordingly sent Them Bills of Exchange in their Favour which I hope will meet with Your Honour's Acceptance.

I have likewise drawn Bills of Exchange for Arcot Rupees (2100) Two thousand One hundred in favour of Captn. Robert Holford being Payment for 450 Bags of Rice for the Use of the Honourable Company's Settlement and for Arcot Rupees (750) seven hundred & fifty, paid by Him into the Honourable Company's Cash, I hope the same will meet with Your Honour's Acceptance.

An Overseer of the Works is much wanted here and if a Man could be found that was versed a little in Boat Building, that understood the Country Language, and was likewise capable of taking Charge of, and careering Vessels, he would be of infinite service to the Settlement.

As the Hunter schooner is detain'd at Bengal, I think it my duty to apply to Your Honours for some small vessell in her Room, one that might be sufficient to cross the Bay with on any urgent Occasion.

The Schooner Mary is only fit for the River or to bring Turtle from Diamond Island, and the Long Boat is very old & Crazy, and no Person here capable of giving her a thorough Repair.

A Europe Long Boat is procurable would be of great service to Us.

I am with submission to Your Honour's Commands.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant,

NEGRAIS, THOS. NEWTON.

JANRY 7TH. 1757.

LIST OF THE PACKET.

No. 1 General Letter.

3
2 Invoice & Bill of Lading.

4 Copy of a Letter from Mr. Twinton.

5 General Indent.

6 General Return.

7 List of the Packet.

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**No. 11.**

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclos'd you will receive a Charge against Mr. Charles Turner, Military Paymaster delivered in by Captn. D'Illens.

We must request Your Honour &ca. will supply Us with as much Saltpetre as You can spare, as We have but Thirty Candys remaining, which is not sufficient to employ the Powder Maker two Months.

We are with Respect,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most obedt. humble servants,

A. WYNCH.

HUGH NORRIS.

RICHD. FAIRFIELD.

ROBT. SLOPER.

FORT ST. DAVID CHARLES TURNER.

21ST. JANRY 1757.

CHARGE AGAINST MR. TURNER MILITARY PAYMSTER OF FORT ST. DAVID.

1st. That since Captain D'Illens has made his complaint against Istrislopudy Paymaster Braminy upon several Articles in which the said Braminy has defrauded, during a very long time, the Pensioners and Lascars, Mr. Turner hath not made the least step for obliging his Braminy to the restitution of the Money defrauded to the said Pensioners & Lascars, by which Captn. D'Illens has very much Reason to believe that Mr. Turner hath got

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**No. 24.**

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

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(and Chesterfield) by the first Opportunity, being put to much Inconveniency by the detention of it.

Our Secret Committee address the Gentlemen appointed to that Trust by the Honble Compy at your Place, in relation to the success of the Expedition for re-establishing the Company in their Possessions, Rights & Priviledges in Bengal, as well as what else may be necessary for the execution of the Plans they have formed.

Enclosed We send you a Packet for the President & Council of Bombay & request You will forward it by the first Occasion.

We have likewise enclosed you a Packet for the Hoñble the Secret Committee in Europe which we Desire You will forward to Them via Bussorah should there be a Conveyance under dispatch for that Place; If not, We request you will send it under cover to the Presid[t]. & Council of Bombay to be by them forwarded.

We are
HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants,
ROGER DRAKE, *Jun[r]*.
ROBERT CLIVE.
W[M]. WATTS.
RICH[D]. BEECHER.
... ... ...
WILL[M]. FRANKLAND.
M. COLLET.
J. L. HOLWELL.
W[M]. MACKETT.
P. AMYATT.

FORT WILLIAM
7[TH]. JANRY 1757.

## N[o]. 25.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Our Consultations & Monthly Accounts for December now wait on You.

Upon landing the Ingeram Bales from Sloop Nancy, six of them appeared to be very wet, & were opened by the Warehousekeeper in presence of the Syrang by 33 Pieces found to be damaged, We have sent the Cloth to be resorted, and wait your Directions regarding it.

We are with Respect,
HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble servants
ALEX[R]. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICH[D]. FAIRFIELD.
... ... ...
CHA[S]. TURNER.

FORT S[T]. DAVID
14[TH]. FEBRUARY 1757.

ACCOUNT OF DAMAGED CLOTH LANDED FROM SLOOP NANCY.

| | | | PIECES |
|---|---|---|---|
| Long Cloth fine, N[o]. 1 in 2 Bales | .. | .. .. .. | 8 |
| L[o]. Middling | N[o]. 1 in 2 D[o]. | .. .. .. .. | 7 |
| | 2 in 1 D[o]. | .. .. .. .. | 13 |
| D[o]. Ordinary N[o]. | 2 in 1 D[o]. | .. .. .. .. | 5 |
| | Bales 6 | | 33 Pieces. |

## N[o]. 26.

TO ALEX[R]. WYNCH ESQ[R]. AND THE
COUNCIL OF FORT S[T]. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

We have inspected the Accounts for last Month in which nothing material occur

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## N°. 27.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqʀ.

President & Governour &cᴀ. Council of Fort Sᴛ. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

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Madras about the 5th. or 6th. Instant when We intend dispatching the Hartop and Vizagapatam Snow, (which are both loaded) under his Convoy with all the Bales We have ready.

We have recĕd Advice from Mr. Boddam at Ballasore dated the 4th. Jañry acquainting Us with the safe Arrival of the Marlborough, by his last Accounts From Fultah of the 23d. December Admiral Watson was then there, & intended proceeding against Calcutta the 25th. Lieutt. Dumbold, Messrs. Hubbard & Davidson Volunteers, proceeded for Bengal in a Boat with some dispatches the 10th. of last Month.

One of the new Boats Your Honour &ca. directed Us to build for the service of the West Coast brings you this, We have furnish'd Her with a Jury Mast to carry her to Madrass, where she can be properly supplied, the other two are just finish'd and shall dispatch them to you in a few days.

Since writing the Above We have been favour'd with Your Honour &ca's. Letter of the 12th Jañry to which we will reply by the Hartop.

We are with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. ĥble servts.
J. L. Smith.
Marmaduke Best.

Vizagapatam
1st. Febry 1757.

List of the Packet ℘ Vizagapatam Boat.

1 General Letter.
2 Duplicate D°. ℘ Betsey Schooner.
3 Duplicate Invoice ℘ D°.
4 Court of Enquiry held at Vizagapatam.
5 A Letter from the Officers of D°. Garrison.
6 Ensign Meyer's Letter.
7 List of the Packett.

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## N°. 28.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqʀ.

President & Governour &cᴀ. Council of Fort Sᴛ. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favour of the 12th. Ultimo came to hand the 1st. Instant, The Repairs to the Cuddalore Sloop are not yet finish'd but hope they will be compleated by the latter end of the Month, when We will dispatch Her to you agreable to Your Honour's Orders, with what Bales We may then have ready being now loaded on the Hartop & Vizagapatam Snows.

The two Month's Pay due & two Month's advance Impress to the People of the Cuddalore Sloop We have found Ourselves already obliged to defray to prevent the Lascar's leaving Her, a Loss that would have been irretrievable, and will now also discharge Captn. Baker's Acct. of Disbursements.

Captain Cambell & Callender have not drawn Pay for their Companies only Batta to Themselves, & Officers, and Pay to the Sea-Poys, but which, as they have been here two Months, amounts to more than One Month's Pay, would have done to the Military, and as this, with other unexpected & unavoidable Charges have occurr'd We were necessitated to draw on You, which We are extremely glad Your Honour &ca. approve of.

We now send you Eight hundred, and fifty two Bales on Account of Our Hoñble Masters, six hundred & two of which comes on the Hartop Snow

Captⁿ. John Savage, & two hundred & fifty on the Vizagapatam Snow, Captain Colin Michie both whom We have directed to proceed under Convoy of Rear Admiral Pocock, the Invoices amounting to Star Pagodas sixty two thousand two hundred & seventy One, thirty five Fanams, & Twenty Cash 65271–35–20 with Bills of Lading comes enclosed. We hope the goodness of the Cloth, as well as the unusual Quantity will convince your honor &cª. that Our utmost care & Endeavours have been exerted in the providing this Investment, & therefore hope it will meet with Your approbation: Your Honour &cª. will now perceive by the large Amount of this Consignment, that, notwithstanding the several considerable supplies of Cash you have favour'd Us with, and the Bills We have drawn on you, the real Occasion We yet have for a further supply to carry on the Investment but particularly of Rupees, We being obliged at present to exchange Madras Pagodas into that specie to defray Our Garrison Charges &cª. We therefore doubt not but Your Honour &cª. will favour Us with a supply by the first Opportunity.

The Copper you formerly sent Us to coin into Dubbs, being all expended, & that Coir beginning thereby to become scarce, which will be a great disadvantage to our Merchants, besides a considerable Loss to the Company, every Month by the present difference in the Exchange of that Coin to what is allow'd our Military, We therefore beg leave to request You will send Us a quantity of that Article, to Coin as before.

We sometime ago sent Your Honour &cª. an Accᵗ. of Our unserviceable Arms, which you directed Us to send you up, and We being in great want of more, as mention'd before in our Indents and upon Examination it appearig that most of these Arms are capable of being repair'd at Madrass, tho' not at this Place, We therefore thought it would be better to exchange the same Number for good Arms from the seapoys belonging to the detachment on board the Cumberland, which We have done accordingly (List of which We enclose You) and hope you will have no objection thereto.

Mʳ. Wilson Our Surgeon having presented Us a Memorial representing the Hardships he labours under by the present Establishment of Our Hospital, proposing a different Method of supplying it with Medicines, & desiring Us to lay it before Your Honour &cª. We therefore transmit it herewith for Your Consideration.

Duplicate of our last, with our General Books and other Monthly Papers, accompanies this, and We beg leave to remain with great Respect,

VIZAGAPATAM
4TH. FEBRUARY 1757.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obdeᵗ. humble Servants
J. L. SMITH.
MARMADUKE BEST.

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TO MR. JOHN LEWIN SMITH
&CA. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

SIRS

It has long been an Establish'd Custom for My Predecessors, the surgeons of this Garrison to supply the sick with Europe Medicines at a Rated Allowance of 70 Pagodas ℔ Annum, and such Monthly Charge as the Number of Sick and other Circumstances made necessary.

The frequent supplies of Men We have had within these three years past: The Neighbourhood of the French whence many deserters have come to Us; & these generally ailing: The Settlement of the Negrais whence many sick have been brought to, & quarter'd upon Us: The Addition of the Topazes to my Charge, who ever herebefore had been under Care of Blacks, paid by the Company for that Purpose, has necessitated Me to a very considerable Encrease of Expence of Europe Medicines, and render'd the usual Allowance of 70 Pagodas ℔ Annum, a sum very inadequate for their supply, & consequently occasioned an Encrease of the Monthly Charge.

You very well know how difficult it is to procure either Medicines, Drugs, or other Necessaries at this remote settlement, and it will easily appear to you how many & great Inconveniencies the Garrison might be reduced to, through a Miscarriage which the precarious Events in War (Our present state) might very probably produce, and I humbly presume might easily be prevented, & avoided, the Garrison better, & more certainly supplied, and I dare affirm at a less Expence, provided the Honble the Governour & Council should think proper to put this Garrison on the same footing with the Others, under their Direction, which I have always understood to be by ordering the Surgeons of their Different Garrisons to send in Annually their Indents to the Presidency, which, after the Approbation of the Governour & Council, where transmitted to Europe.

The Liberty therefore I have taken is to request you will take this my Address into Consideration, and represent it to the Honble the Governour & Council at the Presidency, whose Concurrene herewith, more especially on Account the late considerable Augmentation of Our Garrison I humbly hope, being with due Respect their

Honours & Gentlemen
Your most obedient & most humble servant
James Wilson.

List of the Packet ℔ Hartop Snow.

1 General Letter.
2 Duplicate Dº. Vizagapatam Boat.
3 Invoice & Bill of Loading for 602 Bales.
4 Invoice & Bill of Lading for 250 Bales sent on the Vizagapatam Snow.
5 Quick Stock.
6 An Annually Increase & Decrease.
7 A List of the Company's Covenanted Servants.
8 A List of the Revenues.
9 A list of the Inhabitants.
10 A List of Marriages &cª.
11 Pay Master's Accounts for December.
12 Increase & Decrease for Dº.
13 Warehousekeep's Accounts for December.
14 Storekeeper's Accounts for Dº.
15 James Wilson Surgeons Letter.
16 Paymaster's Accounts ending 30th. April 1756.
17 Second Sett of General Books Dº.
18 Return for the Garrison for December.
19 An Annual Return for the Hospital.
20 A List of Unserviceable Arms.
21 Sea, & River Customer's Account for December.
22 List of the Packet.

## Nº. 29.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort St. George &cª. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed is a Triplicate of our Letter of the 8th. January.

No Salt Petre being procurable We have order'd Captain Fowler to get the Walpole in readiness to proceed to Your Coast in her Ballast, in order to be finally dispatch'd from Thence to Europe.

Captain John Mackmath having deliver'd Us a Narrative of the treachery of the Malays at Junk-Ceylon in cutting off the Northumberland Snow and

her Crew, by which Action the Owners have suffer'd very Considerably We are therefore to request Your Honour &ca. will assist Captain Mackmath as much as lays in your Power to procure satisfaction for that Loss.

We have drawn on Your Honour &ca. this Day for Five thousand (5000) Arcott Rupees in favour of Captn. Robert Bailie, which We desire You will honour.

We flatter Ourselves you will attend to the Request We made in our Letter of the 8th. for a speedy supply of Treasure. And are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servts..

Roger Drake, *Junr*.
Wm. Watts.
Richard Becher.
Wm. Frankland.
M. Collett.
P. Amyatt.

Fort William
the 4th. Febry 1757.

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## No. 30.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This encloses Your Honour &ca. the Duplicate of Mine of the 23rd. Past, and the Accounts of this Place for last Month.

Monsr. Bussie's Camp was to leave Peddipore Yesterday, and proceed to Chicacul.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient & most obliged hble Servant
John Andrews.

Bandarmalka
Febry the 3d. 1757.

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## No. 31.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Another of the Boats for the service of the West Coast, being finish'd We take this Opportunity of forwarding by Her our Duplicate Letter & Invoices with Second Bills of Lading of the Bales sent you on the Hartop, and Vizagapatam Snows, which sail'd the 5th. Instant.

Our Cash Account comes enclosed & We are with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble servants.

J. L. Smith
Marmaduke Best.

Vizagapatam
13th. February 1757.

**No. 32.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have rece'd your favour of the 19th.

We now transmit You Our Annual Address, with the usual Papers, and a Duplicate shall follow in a few days.

We are with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble servants,

Fort St. David
22nd. February 1757.

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robert Sloper.
Charles Turner.

List of the Packet to Fort St. George.

1 General Letter to the Honble President & Council dated, 22d. Febry 1757.
2 Annual Letter to Do. dated 22d. Febry.
3 Account of the Investment for 1756.
4 Persheram Pillah, his account Current for 1756.
5 Govindah Chitty & Tonneveroy Pillah their Accot. Current for 1756.
6 Andeapah Moodeliar his Accot. Current for 1756.
7 Nella Chitty his Accot. for 1756.
8 Linga Chitty &ca. Merchants their Accot. Currt. for 1756.
9 Irshippah Chitty &ca. Merchants their Accot. Currt. for 1756.
10 Bownia Shencariah his Accot. Current for 1756.
11 Calculate of Expences & Revenues for 1755 & 1756.
12 List of Debts outstanding in Books Letter E. E. Ending 30th. April 1756.
13 List of the Honble Company's Revenues for 1756.
14 Abstract of the Sea Customs of Cuddalore for 1755 & 1756.
15 Abstract of the Land Customs of Do. for 1755 & 1756.
16 Abstract of the Land Customs of Tevenapatam for 1755 & 1756.
17 List of the Honble Company's Servants the 31st. December 1756.
18 Surgeon's Indent for Medicines 1758.
19 Surgeon's List of Deaths for 1756.
20 Register of Christenings, Marriages & Burials for 1756.
21 Roll of Captain Gardner's Company of Foot.
22 Roll of Captain Paschall's Company of Foot.
23 Roll of Captain Callender's Company of Foot.
24 Roll of Captain Schaub's Company of Foot.
25 Roll of Swiss.
26 Roll of Captain D'Illens's Company of Artillery.

Fort St. David
22d. Febry. 1757.

Richd. Fairfield,
*Secry.*

**No. 33.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to the Annual Practice, We now Address you under the usual Heads.

First Concerning Investment.

It is with concern We are obliged to acquaint You, Our success in this important Branch of Our Honble Master's Affairs, has not been answerable to

our wishes or Expectations in respect to mending the Manufacture, as We had some reason to flatter Ourselves from the repeated Promises of Our Merchants, but they have, as usual, led Us on with large Promises & slender Performances, tho' We must do them the Justice to say, their Conduct has been in every Respect, better this year than the preceeding, the Cloth being something better, tho' not so good as We could wish, & Our Number of Bales encreased to about seven hundred & fifty (750), which is three times the quantity provided last year, and We are inclined to believe they would have been greater, had not the News of the War struck a Damp on the Merchants, and rendered Them over cautious of advancing the necessary sums in the Country for carrying thro' Business with the Vigour it might otherwise have been, nor did We chuse, for the same Reason to make any very large Advances to Them but We beg leave to assure Your Honour &c[a]. that We have not been wanting in the most pressing Exhortations for a further Improvement of the Manufacture, and that Our Attention to this Branch has been equal to its Importance tho' We have not been so fortunate to meet with the desired success.

We must observe that had our old Merchants Behaviour been in any respect equal to that of Bowniah Shencariah, our Investment would have been very considerable, He alone having brought in more Cloth than all the Rest put together; and Notwithstanding all our Endeavours to induce them to proceed with greater Vigour, they did not bring in Cloth in any quantity till the Month of September.

Altho' We continued, agreable to Your Directions to affix Publick Notice at the Gates for all Persons inclined to Contract for any Part of the Investment, to deliver in their Proposals, yet to our great surprize, not One Person made any Application to Us.

Persheram Pillah continues in confinement, but in the course of the year, We have receiv'd from Him in Cloth, and Money, to the Amount of Two thous[d]. two hundred, thirty four Pagodas, six Fanams, twenty four Cash (2234–6–24) of which, seven hundred & forty (740) Pagodas was paid in January, therefore is not incerted in his Acco[t]. Current this has reduced his Ballance to sixteen hundred, seventy Nine Pagodas Thirty three fanams, seventy Eight Cash (1679–33–78) which We shall recover, if possible.

Govindah Chitty has decreas'd his Ballance only two hundred (200) Pagodas, being the Amount of some turn'd out Cloth sold at Publick Outcry by the Warehousekeeper; We have frequently called upon Him, but he has always pleaded the Absence of his Partner Tonneveroy Pillah, with whom He has Accounts to settle, to put a stop this Excuse being made in future, We beg your Honour &c[a]. will order him down here as soon as possible.

Cawn Modellair's Ballance is reduced but Eight hundred seventy seven Pagodas four fanams, Forty Cash (877–4–40) which is also the Amount of turn'd out Cloth, sold at Outcry; His Excuse is the great sums due to Him from other People, which conformable to your Directions, We have given him all the Assistance in Our Power to recover, but as yet without Effect, and his having continued very much indisposed ever since his Arrival, has prevented Our proceeding to any rigourous Measures with Him.

Our Merchant's Accounts & List of the Investment wait on You in this Packet, by which it appears the Amount of the several Ballances outstanding the 31[st]. Dec[r]. 1756, sixty Eight thousand, Ninety Pagodas Twenty One fanams & fifty three Cash (68090–21–53) of which twelve thousand three hundred, fifty two Pagodas, fourteen fan[s]. ten Cash /12352–14–10/ lays with Irshappa Chitty; Ten thousand, five hundred thirty two Pagodas, thirty two fanams, and Sixty Eight Cash (10532–32–68) With Linga Chitty; Eleven thousand, five hundred & seventy four Pagodas, twenty seven Fanams, seventy two Cash/11574–27–72/ with Nella Chitty; Eight thousand, six hundred twenty seven Pagodas, thirty two fanams, sixty Eight Cash /8627–32–68/ with Bowania Shencariah; but it must be observed

that Twenty Nine thousand Pagodas of the above, was advanced to those Merchants at the end of December, and that None of the Cloth brought in from that time by them is incerted, in these Accounts, being One hundred forty three Bales/143/, for the rest, Fifteen thousand five hundred thirty five Pagodas, Ten fanams & seventy Cash /15535–10–70/ lays with Cawn Modelaire, seven thousand forty seven Pagodas, thirteen Fanams seven Cash /7047–13–7/ with Govindah Chitty, & Tonneveroy Pillah, and two thousand four hundred, Nineteen Pagodas, thirty three Fanams, seventy Eight Cash /2419–33–78/ with Persheram Pillah.

SECONDLY OF CUSTOMS & REVENUES.

By the Abstract of the Customs collected at his Settlement for the last Year, compared with the former, which come enclosed, Your Honour &c[a]. will be informed of the Increase & Decrease of them, the several Reasons assigned for the same being annex'd thereto.

All the Farms have been duely collected, a List of which now waits on You, excepting the Arrack, & Measuring Farms, lett to Cootah, who owes on the former, One thousand Pagodas /1000/ and on the latter five hundred /500/ Pagodas, there has been two Company's Peons set on him for three Month's past, without any Effect, We therefore wait Your Directions how to proceed with him.

THIRDLY OF DEBTS.

In this Packet We transmit you a List of Debts outstanding in last Books.

FOURTHLY OF EXPENCES.

A Calculate of them now waits on you, and We have only to observe that in general they are considerably Decreas'd.

FIFTHLY OF BUILDINGS & REPAIRS.

M[r]. John Call who has continued the Directions of this Business has been constantly employ'd in forwarding the following Works;

Since Our last Address the Foundation of the New Curtain which was then begun, has since been compleated with Wells & Piles from the South East Demi Counterguard to the South West which is in length 410 Feet, and on this Foundation the Revetment, in thickness thirteen feet at the Base, has been rose Nine feet, that is about 18 Inches above high Water Levell, to strengthen this Revetment, Buttresses have been built on the Inside at the distance of 18½ feet from the center of each other, which shew the division of the officers Apartments, and by joining the Party Walls will connect the Outer & Inner facing together, as strong as possible, When this Work was brought thus forward, the Earth was ramm'd closely round it & left, that it might have time to settle, e'er a greater Weight was laid thereon.

The South East Demi-Counter Guard, whose outer facing was rose the preceeding Year, about ten feet from the Foundation is now carried up, and the Earth filled in as high as the crown of the Arches; Under this Work are two Arched Cisterns of 30 feet long by 12 feet broad, and 9 high, from whence by Pipes & Cocks the two next Caserns, intended for Cook rooms are to be supplied with Water, and they will be furnished with copper Boilers, Ovens, & every thing necessary for dressing Provisions, there is also a Vault intended as a Place of Convenience, and behind the Flanks a Casemate for One Piece of Cannon, which will scour the Curtain, and South. Face of the South-West Counter Guard, this is the most material Part of what has been done to the New works, but many have been the Repairs & Additions, since we had advice of the War; In the Fort, the Platforms of the North Front which were unserviceable have been taken up, and new laid; a Parapet, & stone Plat Forms have been laid on the North East Redoubt, the Pallasadoes, & Banquets in the Covert Way have been compleated & several Places where for want of Redwood they were left unfinish'd two small Works have been rose with Earth in

the Angles of the Covert Way before the Horn Work for occasional Batteries in Barbet, and a Well of very good Water has been dug in the Covert Way before the East Wing of the said Work; The Magazines under the North East & North West Redoubts have been furnish'd with Frames for lodging Ammunition and stationed for their greater security against shells, the Caserns under both those Works have also been stantioned [*sic*] & Platform Beds erected for lodging the soldiers destin'd for the defence of the Covert Way the Funnels to the Galleries have been open'd to let in fresh Air to the Mines, which have been clean'd & put in a Condition for loading if Occasion should require. The Dutch Factory on Account of its Proximity to the Fort has been demolish'd, and an House repair'd for the President at Cuddalore, many other Buildings at Tevenapatam have been pull'd down, and the Materials of the rest are now carrying off; The high sand Hills near the Bar; which might have afforded good Cover to an Enemy, and the other high Places within 700 Yards of the Glacis, have been levell'd and the hollow places fill'd in, the high Ground towards Tevenapatam has been turn'd to great Advantage by being formed into an advanced Covert Way, which embraces the Northern Front of the Fort, & will be continued round the East Front 'till it Joins the River.

The two squares at Tevenapatam commonly called the Horse Stables, have been converted into a very commodious Hospital to which the sick are now removed from Cuddalore, it being deemed too great a Hazard to risque any part of the Garrison, or Medicines in a Place where the Communication of the Fort might be so easily cut off. The Rampart & Parapets at Cuddalore have receiv'd some trifling Repairs, & the usual Out Guards have been put in a Condition of Defence.

In the beginning of the Year, when the Regiment was ordered to take the Field, a Number of Tumbrils, Carts, & Carriages were made, or repair'd for that service, and since We have had Advice of the War, the Artificers in the Yard, have been fully employ'd in making Beds for Mortars, Platforms, Carriages, & other Military Stores, as well as repairing those that were defective; & we beg leave to assure Your Honour &c^a^. that the greatest Care has been taken to conduct every Branch with dispatch & Economy.

### Sixthly of Covenanted Servants.

M^r^. Andrew Newton return'd from Tanjour in March last, & was station'd under the Export Warehouse Keeper, and in the Month of May he was appointed Steward in the room of M^r^. Charles Saunders.

Robert Clive Esq^r^. arriv'd here the 23^d^. of June, and receiv'd the Government from Richard Starke Esq^r^. and in consequence of Your Honour &c^a's^. Letter of the 18^th^. August, he delivered over the charge of the Settlement to Alexander Wynch Esq^r^. & proceeded to Fort S^t^. George. M^r^. Wynch arriv'd here the 14^th^. August, and took his seat as second of Council and was appointed Export & Import Warehouse-keeper and Accomptant, but upon Colonel Clive's Departure, he requested he might be excused taking charge of the Warehouse till his return, which was complied with & M^r^. Norris ordered to continue in those Employs.

In the Month of July M^r^. Tho^s^. Kellsall arrived here, & was appointed to assist in the Warehouse & muster the Lascars, and in August M^r^. Thomas Amphlett, and was stationed under the Deputy Governour.

The 31^st^. August M^r^. Charles Saunders departed this Life.

Agreable to your directions of the 15^th^. October Mess^rs^. George Dawson & John Carey executed their Covenants as Factors, & took the usual Oath of Fidelity to the Honourable Company, & the 23^d^. October Mess^rs^. Will^m^. Stevenson, & Richard Fitzpatrick arriv'd & were station'd the former under the Accomptant & the latter under the Secretary.

In consequence of your Orders of the 9^th^. July, Mess^rs^. Norris, Turper, and Call were appointed a Committee for carrying the Fortifications of this

Settlement, and We now transmit you a Copy of their Proceedings, and Monthly Accounts for October, Novr. & December, & We hope their Method of keeping those Accounts will meet with your Approbation.

SEVENTHLY OF MILITARY PEONS.

We have nothing to say under this Head, but that We now forward your Honour &ca. the several Rolls.

EIGHTHLY OF ACCOUNTS.

Our General Books & Accounts are all ready, but as they are too heavy to be sent overland, We must wait for a Sea Conveyance.

Under this Cover you will receive all the Papers usually transmitted this season.

We are with Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient hble Servants
ALEXR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
ROBERT SLOPER.
CHARLES TURNER.

FORT ST. DAVID
FEBRUARY 1757.

No. 34.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your favour of the 12th. Ultimo has been duly receiv'd & agreable to your Orders, I have delivered over the Charge of this Settlement to Mr. John Calland having interchangeably signed with Him, an exact Account Remains.

Enclos'd comes the usual Papers for the last Month & I am

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servant
FOSS WESTCOTT.

INGERAM
9TH. FEBRY 1757.

No. 35.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Mr. Westcott having delivered over to Me, the Charge of the Settlement agreable to your Direction, now takes his passage for your Place. I shall pay due regard to your Honour &ca's. Injunctions relating to the Repairs of Suncrapollam Factory & Nellipellee Godown, & as the Wall of the latter is in too ruinous a Condition to be supported by Buttresses, Purpose, agreable to your Permission, to pull it down, & rebuild it. The Balance of Cash being insufficient to defray the Expences of the Current Month, & having been inform'd of the Gentlemen of Vizagapatam's taking up Money for the Use of the Northern Settlements, I have requested of Them a supply of /1000/ One thousand Pagodas till Your Honour shall please to furnish Me with more.

Enclos'd is an Indent of Sundries greatly wanted here, particularly the Stationary, wch. I shall be much obliged to Your Honour &ca. for supplying Me with, as early as possible & now having wrote the Material, permit, Me to

assure that no Care in Me shall be wanting to execute the Trust Your Honour &ca. has been pleas'd to repose in Me, being with the utmost Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most obedt. hble Servt.
JOHN CALLAND.

INGERAM
9TH. FEBRY. 1757.

INDENT OF STORES WANTING AT INGERAM FOR 1757.

Gunpowder—50 fifty Barrels.
Stand of Arms—50 fifty.
Flints—15,000 fifteen thousand.
Lanthorns—8 Eight.
Tarr—4 four Barrels.
30d. Nails—½ half a Candy.
20d. Nails—½ half a Candy.
10d. Do.—4 four Maund.
4d. Do.—2 two Maund.
3d. Do. 1 One Maund.
Sheathing Nails—5 five maund.
Red & White Lead—3 Three Maund.
Yellow Oakes—2 Two Maund.
Hand Hatchets—8 Eight.
Drum Heads—20 Twenty.
Do. Snares—8 Eight.
Garden Sheers—3 Three Pair.
Perpetuanoes Green—5 Five Pieces.
... Yellow—Do. Do.
... Red—3 three pieces.
Stationary Store—1 one Chest.

JOHN CALLAND.

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**No. 36.**

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

In my Address to you bearing Date the 9th. Instant, I informed your Honour &ca. of having requested of the Gentlemen of Vizagapatam a supply of Cash, to defray the Expence of this Settlement, which not being in their Power to comply with & my Necessity being very great, I have taken upon Me to draw on Your Honour &ca. /this day/ for Eleven hundred /1100/ star Pagodas, in favour of Messrs. Du Pré & Alexander at Fort St. George for Value receiv'd into the Honble Company's Cash at this Place, which I am to request you will please to Honour, being with the greatest Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. humble Servant
JOHN CALLAND

INGERAM
13TH. FEBRY 1757.

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**No. 37.**

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This Morning Captain D'Illens departed this Life, and as Mr. Fairfield has represented in his Answer that He had the Keys of most of the Stores in

his Custody, and had broke up, and altered many of Them, We have Judged proper to direct an Exact Account remains to be taken of all the Military Stores in Garrison.

We are with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble servants
Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robert Sloper.
Charles Turner.

Fort St. David
1st. March 1757.

## No. 38.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Madrass.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favour of the 9th. November came to hand the 4th. Ultimo agreable to which Becaun Cawn has seen set at liberty, Our Superiors having refer'd Us to your Decision regarding Him.

The Blaze Fireship arriv'd here the 13th. Instant, and the next day the Triton Man of War from England directly, which Place, she left in July last, and seems to have been dispatch'd principally to advise of the Declaration of War. She left this Port Yesterday for Bombay, and the Day before the Royal Duke was return'd to that Place, Our Honble Master's ship the Portfield left Bombay, We hear, the middle of last Month, for England, but whether the Edge Coate sail'd at the same time is uncertain to Us, and We are daily in expectation of the Clinton & Hector both bound for Europe.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servants
Thos. Hodges.
S. Evans.
Thos. Satchwey.
Henry Johnson.

Tellicherry
19th. January 1757.

## No. 39.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Madras.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last Address was under the 19th. Ulto/Duplcate of which is enclos'd/ and this serves to advise your Honour &ca. that on the 3d. Instant Our Honble Master's ships Clinton; & Hector were dispatch'd hence to Anjengo for compleating their Charter Party Loadings for Great Britain; and that Our Remains of Pepper is Cs. 1559–6–28-5/8 which with the quantity, we, a few Days since contracted for, to be deliver'd by the end of April, we make no Doubt (unless any unforeseen Troubles should happen to this Settlement from the French) will be sufficient for the two homeward bound, ships We expect from Bengall, as well as for the Royal Duke for China.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble servants
Thos. Hodges.
S. Evans.
Thos. Satchwey.
Henry Johnson.

Tellicherry
the 16th. February 1757.

## No. 40.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Neptune Sloop brought Me your Favour of the 26th. Ultimo, with Invoices of the Stores laden on board Her and must remark to your Honour &ca the Deficiencies that hapend on the Delivery of the several Articles, & are specified in the enclosed List. The amount of which I shall demand of the Captain.

In consequence of Your Honour &ca's. Letter of the 4th. Instant I now dispatch the Nancy Sloop, with Directions to the Syrang to touch at St. David, there to receive from the Gentlemen such Instructions as may tend most for her safety, I am with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient hble servant
Jas. Bourchier.

Deve Cotah
8th. Febry. 1757.

List of Stores short Rec'd.

℔ Neptune Sloop.

| | |
|---|---|
| Round Shott, 3 Pounders, | 17. |

Iron Shott For Grape.

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|---|---|
| 8 Ounces— | 32. |
| 4 Do. | 3. |

Md. lb.
Lead, 10 5 deficient in Weight, thô Correspondent with the Invoice in the number of Slabs.

E.E.
℔ Jas. Bourchier.

Deve Cotah
8th. Febry. 1757.

## No. 41.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you by the Sloop Nancy on whom We have reladen, the Ninety Ingeram Bales, the 33 Prices that We acquainted you appeared to be damaged, have been Washed, and are packed up in the Bales from whence they were taken.

We shall dispatch the Sloop Dragon in few Days, with a loading of Bales, and Our General Books &ca.

We are with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. hble servants
Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
... ... ...
Charles Turner.

Fort St. David
9th. March 1757.

## No. 42.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We now transmit you Our Consultations & Monthly Accounts for January and are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. hble servants

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield
... ... ...
Charles Turner.

Fort St. David
15th. March 1757.

List of Cloth on Hand.

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|---|---|
| Embaled | 496 |
| At the Washers | 161 |
| At the Beaters | 32 |
| Bales | 689 |

To Alex. Wynch Esqr.
& the Rest of the Gentlemen of Council at Fort St. David.

Sirs

We have examined the Accounts of this Settlement for last Month, concerning which We have nothing particular to observe, to you, the Calculations & Additions being all right.

We are
Sirs
Your most obedient Servants

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh. Norris.

Fort St. David
28th. February 1757.

## No. 43.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed are my Duplicate Letters of the 9th. & 13th. February, with journal Parcels & Cash Account for the same Month, which being the Material concludes Me with the greatest Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. hble Servt.

John Calland.

## No. 44.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The remaining Boat for the service of the West Coast being compleated We dispatch Her to you herewith, Duplicate of Our last comes inclos'd and are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble servants
J. L. Smith.
Marmaduke Best

Vizagapatam
21st. February 1757.

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## No. 45.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on your Honour &ca. by the Ankatasium, John Drayton Master, on board Whom I have laden Forty six Bales, on Accot. of the Honble Compy. as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading Enclosed.

The Cash running low here and having an Opportunity of receiving One thousand Madras Pagodas, I have taken the Liberty to draw a Sett of Bills on Your Honour &ca. for Eleven Hundred Current, which you will be pleased to accept.

I am with the greatest Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient & most obliged humble servant
John Andrews.

Bandarmalanka
Febry. the 28th. 1757.

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## No. 46.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. of Fort St. George
&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This encloses Your Honour &ca. Duplicate of Mine by the Ankatasium. The face of Affairs is in this part of the Country greatly altered within these few days, and I think a scene of Confusion is opening, On the 24th. past Mons. Bussie in Company with Vizeram Rauze attack'd the Rajah of Bubalee, in his Capital, which He defended very bravely, & kill'd Monsr. Bussie near 250 Europeans and Topasses, however, he took the Fort, but before his Entrance that Rajah blew up all his Women in a room prepared for that purpose, after which He, with several hundred of his Relations & best Friends, fought very desperately till they every One fell, that Night Vizeram Rauze was murthered in his Tent by some of the surviving Relations of the Babalee Rajah, this Accident has thrown the whole Country into confusion, and what adds to it is the Report of a very numerous Body of Morattoes having entered this Province near Rajahmundrum. I shall be upon my Guard, as much, as possible, against surprize, or Accident.

Herewith comes the Accounts of this Place for last Month, & I am with the greatest Esteem

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient & most obliged humble servant
JOHN ANDREWS.

BANDARMALKA
MARCH THE 5TH. 1757.

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**No. 47.**

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.
HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Repairs to the Cuddalore sloop being compleated, We now dispatch Her to you, agreable to your Orders, on which We have consign'd you fifty five Bales of Callicoes on Accot. of Our Honble Masters, amounting to Star Pagodas, Three thousand, Two Hundred, & Ninety, & seventeen Fanams /3290–17/ as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading inclos'd.

The Sloop Sea Horse arriv'd here the 23d. Ulto. from Bengall with Dispatches for Admiral Pocock, but as Mr. Watson had given the Master Orders to return immediately in case Mr. Pocock was not here, she accordingly sail'd as soon as she had supplied Herself with Water & some stores she wanted Account of which is enclos'd, by Her We recd two Packets for Your Honour &ca. which We transmit You herewith, Ensign Flaction took his Passage on Her to join his Corps at Bengal.

Lieutenant Nelson, & Ensign Hart of this Garrison have applied to Us, desiring Us to inform Your Honour &ca. that having been here near three Years, they humbly request you to relieve them, and permit Them to return to Fort St. George, We therefore beg leave to know your Honour &ca's. Pleasure thereon. Two of Our Military being strongly suspected of having an Intention to desert, and our Town by its situation being favourable to such designs, We have therefore sent them Passengers on this sloop; with directions to Captn. Baker to land Them at Fort St. George.

Copy of the Account Disbursements for the Repairs on the Cuddalore Sloop, and other Monthly Papers comes herewith; By Our Cash Account Your Honour &ca. will observe the small Ballance We have remaining and therefore hope You will favour Us with a supply by the first Opportunity.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Servants
J. L. SMITH.
MARMADUKE BEST

VIZAGAPATAM
10TH. MARCH 1757.

INDENT OF MILITARY STORES CHIEFLY WANTED IN THE GARRISON OF VIZAGAPATAM, VIZT.

Gun Powder—100 Barrels.
Small Arms—100 Stands
Europe Match—100 lbs.
Fuzes—100.

℔ CHAR. CAMPBELL.

VIZAGAPATAM
10TH MARCH 1757.

A List of the Packet ℔ the Sloop Cuddalore.

1. General Letter.
2. Cash & Acco$^{t}$. for February.
3. Invoice & Bill of Lading.
4. Paymaster's Accounts for January.
5. Increase & Decrease for D$^{o}$.
6. Warehouse keeper's Acco$^{t}$. for D$^{o}$.
7. Storekeeper's Acco$^{t}$. for D$^{o}$.
8. Mint & Copper Coiner's D$^{o}$.
9. Return of the Garrison.

10, 11 } Disbursements & Repairs to the Sloop Cuddalore.

12 Sea & River Customer's Account for January.
13 Diaries & Consultations for D$^{o}$.
14 List of Sundry Stores supplied the Sloop Sea horse.
15 A return of Ordnance, and Stores in Garrison.
16 Indent of Military Stores.
17 List of the Packet.

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To the Hon$^{ble}$ George Pigot Esq$^{r}$.
President & Gov$^{r}$. &c$^{a}$. Council at Fort S$^{t}$. George.

Hon$^{ble}$ Sir & Sirs

By the Betsey Ketch Capt$^{n}$. Edward Roach from the Streights of Malacca, who put in here the 26$^{th}$. of last Month for Wood & Water, I take this Opportunity to inform your Honours of the state of this Settlement.

On the 12$^{th}$. of last Month there arriv'd here an Embassy from the King of Ava with Letters from Him, and the Prince demanding the Assistance of Soldiers & Ammunition as he is now besieging the Capital of Pegu, all other Parts of that Kingdom being already reduc'd to his subjection

As I am convinc'd that it is for the Interest of the Hon$^{ble}$ Company to keep on good Terms with the prevailing Powers here, I then sent Him by his Ambassadors, a small present of Arms and Powder, and at the same time wrote to him to desire his Permission for the Hon$^{ble}$ Compys Servants to fix a Settlement at Persaim, according to the late intended Plan agreed to by Captain Howes & the Prince, I likewise answered the Prince's Letter much to the same Effect, and on the 16$^{th}$. the Ambassadors set out for Dagon.

On the 24$^{th}$. I receiv'd a Letter from the Corporal left at Persaim, acquainting Me that he had lost 4 Lascars, and a good Boat, and that the two soldiers who were left with Him had deserted with their Arms, that he has great reason to believe they were all enticed away by the Burmahs who came as Ambassadors, from the King, and who touch'd at Persaim in their way to Dagon.

On the 29$^{th}$. there arriv'd here 9 Burmah Boats with a second Embassy and a Letter from the King of Ava, earnestly desiring as the English are his good Friends that We would spare Him at this Juncture a large Quantity of Gun Powder for which he has sent Money to pay, for that he is still lying before Pegu, with a large Army, and is in great hopes, if We assist him with Ammunition, that he will shortly carry the Place, and put an end to the War: Upon enquiry am informed that the late Present I sent to the King, of Arms &c$^{a}$. were not arriv'd at Dagon when these Boats set out from thence.

The Ambassadors have enlarg'd very much upon the Friendship the King has for the English and have given Me a Hint that now is the time for Us if ever We intend to get a good Settlement in these Parts to strike in heartily

with the King's Interest, that if We would supply him with a large Quantity of Ammunition and Stores, &c[a]. chiefly Powder which He is most in want of at present it would be an easy matter to get his Consent for the Hoñble Company's Servants to settle at Syrian, upon their own Terms, I am informed by Them that it is now entirely demolish'd and lying in ruins & no people remaining excepting a few Burmah families who reside there, and are of no Consequence.

Upon fully considering the Purport of this Embassy, the present Exigency of the King's Affairs, and the Benefit that might accrue to the Hoñble Company by preserving his Friendship, I have with the Advice of the Gentlemen on this Island, spared for his service 12 Chests of Gun Powder weighing 410 Viss, and have receiv'd Payment for it at the Rate of 2½ Ticcals for 1 Viss, & shall accordingly give the Hoñble Company Credit for it in their Accounts of this Month.

I take the Liberty of observing to your Honours that if the Powder was Europe, the Burmahs would give 3 Ticcals ℔ Viss, and it would be very advantageous to the Hoñble Company's Interest could We supply them soon with a large Quantity; as to what remains here the Quantity is small, and but little worth, excepting for salutes.

These things are most humbly submitted to Your Honour's Wisdom and Consideration·

I have likewise sent as a Present to the King on the Hoñble Company's Account a Pair of handsome silver Mounted Pistols, and have as a Present given to the Ambassadors 12½ Yards of Scarlet Cloth being all that remain'd upon the Island; as I have taken to do these things purely for the Interest of the Settlement, I hope they will meet with Your Honour's Approbation.

Copies of the Letters I receiv'd from the King of Ava, and Prince of Persaim, with my Answer to them I herewith send for your Honour's more particular satisfaction, I have likewise enclosed four Letters from the King of Ava in Cases, and Silk Bags, which were sent to Capt[n]. Howes in June last, One for his Majesty King George, One for the Hoñble Company, One to the Hoñble George Pigot Esq[r]. and the other to Capt[n]. Howes, two of them appears to have been open'd and are such as I found them.

I take this Opportunity to send Your Honours the Monthly Accounts of this Settlement made up to the 1[st]. of October, but there is a deficiency in the Occurrences and Transactions of 5 Months, there being only the Month of April compleated, I believe it was intended by Captain Howes the late Chief to continue them in that Form, but no more could be found, nor any Papers relating to them, I have follow'd the same Method from the 1[st]. of October, as to Occurrences and Transactions, and shall continue the Monthly Accounts in the same Manner as what I now send, unless disapprov'd of by Your Hon[rs].

I have likewise sent at this time Duplicates of such Letters, and Papers, as went on the Cuddalore Sloop, Capt[n]. Baker, who sail'd from hence the 16[th]. of October last, for Vizagapatam, except such Papers as will appear in the Monthly Accounts with a General Return of the Military & Train to this time.

The Black People on this Island, who have had part of their Pay stopt Monthly for the support of their Families at Bengal, having represented to Me, the Hardships they suffer'd by such stoppages, and that now in all probability their Families were either dead, or driven to some other Parts of the Country, and have therefore pray'd I wou'd allow Them their full Pay for the future, upon taking their request into Consideration I have consented to let them have their full Pay untill I should receive further Advice from Your Honours on that Head.

On the 6[th]. Instant imported here the Snow Overbeck Robert Holford Commander, from Bengal, her Lading chiefly Rice. which I intend to purchase if reasonable on the Hoñble Company's Account, and for that Reason I have

omitted the Article of Rice in the Indent of Stores &c^a^. I now send, the several Articles therein mention'd are very much wanted here, and I hope for the good of the Settlement they will be approv'd of by Your Honours and remitted here with such speed and safety as you may judge most Convenient.

I humbly beg leave to assure Your Honours of my sincere Attachments to the Interest of the Hon̄ble Company, which I shall never knowingly swerve from while I have the honour of continuing in their service.

I shall esteem Myself very happy in being honour'd with Your Commands which You may always depend on being most punctually complied with, and I am with the most profound Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient & most devoted humble Servant
THOS. NEWTON.

NEGRAIS
DECR. 8TH. 1757.

LIST OF THE PACKET.

1. General Letter.
2. Copy of a Letter from the King of Ava.
3. Copy of a Letter from Mr. Newton to the King of Ava, 15th. Novr 1756.
4. Copy of a Letter from the Prince of Persaim.
5. Copy of a Letter from Mr. Newton to the Prince of Persaim.
6. Copy of a Letter from the King of Ava.
7. Copy of a Letter from Mr. Newton to the King of Ava 2nd. Decr. 1756.
8. General Indent.

Duplicate ℘ The Sloop Cuddalore.

9. General Letter 15th. October 1756.
10. Copy of a Letter Mr. Keith to Mr. Newton 5th. October 1756.
11. General Return 15th. October 1756.
12. List of European Soldiers return'd ℘ Cuddalore.
13. List of Packet.
14. General Return.
15. List of the Packet.

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**No. 49.**

TO THE HON̄BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS

Agreable to Your Order I deliver'd over the Charge of the Settlement of Ingeram to Mr. John Calland and arriv'd here this day, whereof it meets with your Approbation, I intend to stay a few days for the recovery of My Health, & am with great Respect

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient servant
FOSS WESTCOTT

FORT ST. DAVID
15TH. MARCH 1757

## No. 50.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We now dispatch to you our Honble Master's Sloop Dragon with 75 Bales, Invoice & Bill of Lading for which comes enclosed.

We also send you our General Books, and Accounts.

We are with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort St. David
18th. March 1757.

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
... ... ...
Charles Turner.

List of Books sent to Fort St. George ℔ Sloop Dragon.

1 Diaries & Consultations for 1756.
2 Journal, letter E E commencg. 1st. May 1755, Endg. 30th. April 1756.
3 Leidgre Do. Do.
4 Paymaster's Accounts for 1756.
5 Tevenapatam Sea & Land Customs for 1756.
6 Military Paymaster's Accounts for 1756.
7 Cuddalore Sea Customs for 1756.
8 Cuddalore Land Customs for 1756.

Fort St. David, 18th. March 1757.

Richd. Fairfield,
*Secry.*

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## No. 51.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
Governour and to the Gentlemen in Council at Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

We take the Liberty to write to you on Accot. of the Caernarvon's not arriving here this Year, and to request the favour you would, if she is safe, dispatch her to Us early next; her not arriving has been a great Disappointment to Us, as her Cargoe was provided in the beginning of this year & now lies ready for her on which Account We beg the favour of you, in case the Caernarvon should be lost, you would send Us some other ship in her stead, particularly consign'd to Us, as the Caernarvon is, for if We remain without a ship Our Affairs will be greatly embarrass'd and We shall have no way of sending the Tea, We have provided, home. It will be a further Benefit to Us if you will Redwood, and other saleable Goods here, on board & Consign Them to Us.

Pray excuse the trouble We give you in making these Requests, and permit Us to assure you We are

CANTON
OCTOBER THE 20TH. 1756.

GENTLEMEN
Your most obedient humble servts.

FREDERICK PIGOV.
THOS. LOCKWOOD.
RICHD. PIESLEY.
FRAS. KINNERSLEY.

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## No. 52.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT
GOVERNOUR AND TO THE GENTLEMEN IN COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We receiv'd the Letter you did Us the favour to write to Us the 24th. of July by the Suffolk, We are obliged to you for your kind Intention of dispatching the Caernarvon to Us, if it is possible for her to arrive here in time, which now We despair of.

There is on board the said Ship a Chest of Stationary Ware, Invoic'd at £17–6–7 & Consign'd to Us, We desire You will, if possible dispose of it at Madrass, We have here no less than four Chests.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most obedient & most humble Servants

CANTON
OCTOBER THE 20TH. 1756.

FREDERICK PIGOU.
THOS. LOCKWOOD.
RICHD. PEISLEY.
FRANS. KINNERSLEY.

PRICE CURRENT AT CANTON 1756.

| | Ts. | | Ts. | | Ms. |
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| Beetle Nut | 2 | | 2 | . | 2 |
| B rds Nest | | .. | 350 | | — |
| B.t.e de Mar | 5 | 8 | 16 | — | — |
| Camph re, Coch neal — no Price very low | | | | | |
| Cotton | 14 | 5 | 14 | 8 | — |
| Cow Bezoar | 30 | — | — | — | — |
| Cotch | 6 | 14 | — | — | — |
| Elephant's Teeth 8 to the Pecul 3 Do. | | | | | |
| Gogul | 2 | 5 — | 3 | — | — |
| H ngra, or Assœfetida none brought | | | | | |
| Lead | | | 4 | 2 | — |
| Myrrh fine | 41 | | — | — | — |
| Ol.banum fine | 7 | | 6 | — | — |
| Putchuck | 24 | | 25 | — | — |
| Paper Batvia none brought | | | | | |
| Do. Malabar | .. | | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Rattans | 1 | 8 .. | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Redwood | | | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| Rosum Alloes none brought | | | | | |
| Seed Pearl about 40 or 50 ⅌ cent on the Surat price. | | | | | |
| Sandal Wood | 6 | | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Shark's tins | 25 | | 27 | 0 | 0 |
| T n | 13 | 5 .. | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| Wax | .. | .. | — | — | — |

**No. 53.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I wrote you the 1st. Instant to enclose My duplicate Letters, & Journal Parcels of the former Month. I am now repairing Nellipellee Godown, which I am sorry to inform Your Honour &ca. will cost much more than what was first imagin'd being oblig'd to take down great part of the Front Wall, as well as all the Back One A Fissure of an Inch and a half being a third down it, besides the Top part hanging near four Inches over the Foundation, but which when done, will be as good if not better than when first erected, as it's now laid all in Chunam, whereas before in Mud. I must therefore request Your Honour &ca. will please to favour Me with a supply of Cash, as I shall not have wherewith to defray the Expences of the next Month, after the Discharge of this.

I am with the greatest Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. humble Servants
John Calland.

Ingeram
14th. March 1757.

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**No. 54.**

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have taken the Opportunity of Mr. Westcott's Snow Don Carlos touching here to send you 240 Bales, Invoice & Bill of Lading for which shall wait on You overland

We are with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servt.
Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Chas. Turner.

Fort St. David
27th. March 1757.

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**No. 55.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We now transmit You the Invoice & Bill of Lading for the Bales ℘ Snow Don Carlos.

The Accompanying Petition from Manuel d'Silva Bragg, being upon Examination found just, We have put him upon the Pension List at 2 Pags. ℘ Month, which We hope will meet with your Approbation.

The Ballance of Our Pagoda Cash being [re]duced to about seven thousand, We must request Your Honour &ca. will send Us a further supply as soon as possible.

Enclosed you will receive Copy of a Petition Memorial delivered Us by Serjeant James Golloway, to which we w[ish] directions.

Being in want of Tarr, We have landed four Barrels that was on board the Don Carlos, belonging to the Company, for which We shall give due credit When you inform Us of the Price.

We have this day in council examin'd Captain D'Illens's Charge against Mr. Fairfield in respect to the Weights and find they agree exactly with the new Standard receiv'd from Your Honour &ca. in October last, upon which We sent for his Laboratory Weights, and have found out his Error, they being 32 Troy Ounces down to One Troy Ounce, between which & Averdupoize there is 1½ Ounces difference in a Pound; The Labratory Serjeant declares he informed Captain D'Illens of this Mistake, but that he would not listen to Him.

We are with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. humble Servants

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
... ... ...
Chas. Turner.

Fort St. David
29th. March 1757.

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**No. 56.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favour of the 3d. February came to hand the 3d. Instant, which this is chiefly to acknowledge receipt of, and to acquaint You that Our Honble Master's Ships, Clinton & Hector were finally dispatch'd from hence the 21st. Ultimo, and sail'd the same day for Great Britain.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble servts.

George Scott.
Titus Scott.
Arthur King.
H. Moore.

Anjengo
7th. March 1757.

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**No. 57.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the pleasure to address Your Honr. &ca. the 5th. Instant, and then informed You a Report prevail'd that a numerous Body of Morattas were ready to enter the Province, a Part of them have since take a Fort & Robbed some Towns in the Road between Golcondah & Rajahmundrum/which greatly alarmed the inland Towns and brought many of their Inhabitants to this & other Places near the sea/that done they return'd to the Grand Camp, and I believe, since to their own Country, nothing having been said of them for four or five days past.

Under date of the 30th. March last Your Honour &ca. were pleas'd to promise Us a supply of stationary on the Arrival of the shipping; I now beg leave to remind you of it and to acquaint you that We are quite destitute of every Article of that sort I must likewise request, if it suits Your Honour &ca's. Conveniency that You will be pleas'd to send Me a speedy and large supply of Pagodas, which will be of the greatest service to the Investment of the ensuing Year, as well in regard to the Quality as the Quantity of the Goods.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. and most obliged humble Servant

John Andrews.

Bandarmalanka
March the 20th. 1757.

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**No. 58.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last Address was under the 16th. Ulto. (duplicates of which is enclosed) and on the 23d. came to hand your Favour of the 3d. by a Pair of Pattamars, whom this serves purposely to return, and to acquaint your Honour &ca. that Our remains in the Warehouse is about 2600 Candies of Pepper.

None of the Bengall ships we expected, are yet arriv'd here, nor have We any News concerning Affairs there, since the time Our squadron must have been arriv'd.

By a Macao ship that left Canton the 3d. Janry. we learn that Our Honble Master's ship Cairnarvon was not arriv'd there, nor had been heard of since she passed Malacca on the 24h. of September. All their other ships were safely arriv'd & would be dispatch'd home in due time.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. hble servts.
Thos. Hodges.
S. Evans.
Thos. Satchwell.
Henry Johnson.

Tellicherry
18th. March 1757.

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**No. 59.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The accompanying is duplicate of Our last Address, since when We have not receiv'd any Advices from you.

We therein acquainted Your Honour &ca. with our Motive for laying an Embargoe on the Property of the Mogul's subjects, imported here on several Vessells from Bengal, the Gulphs of Persia & Mocha, but Messrs. Gee & Louis Supra Cargoes of the Prince George (by whom your Honour &ca. will receive this address) having repeatedly desired Us to deliver them such part of that ship's Freight—Treasure, as is consigned to Bengall, on Account of the Proprietors having let it at Respondentia on her Bottom, and further promising not to deliver any part thereof at Your place or Bengal, without the consent

of Your Honour &ca. or the Gentlemen conducting Our Honble Master's Affairs there being previously obtain'd, and We having considered that their Proposal would fully answer Our design in laying an Embargoe on the above Treasure, as Your Honour &ca. and the Gentlemen in Bengall must be better able to judge of the necessity for continuing or altering that Measure, & as our not agreeing to its being laden on the Prince George would have subjected Our Honble Masters to the Risque of sending it to the Proprietors by any other vessell on the reestablishment of Affairs in Bengall and this Treasure being under Your Honour &cas. or the Bengall Gentlemen's direction may be a means of promoting that desirable end, We have consented to the Supra Cargoes Request, on their executing three Obligations of the same Tenor/ One of which, and a Copy of their Manifest are enclosed/that they will act agreable to your Honour &ca's. or the Bengal Gentlemen's Orders, concerning the delivery of said Treasure, and therefore refer it to Your Honour &ca. and Them, to act in this affair as you may judge most conducive to the Honourable Company's Interest·

The Clinton & Hector were dispatch'd hence for Great Britain on the 21st. Ultimo, conformable to our last Address.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servants

R. Bourchier.
Chas. Crommelin.
Jas. Foulis.
Wm. Sedgewicke.
Js. Byfield.
Wm. Hornby.
J. Spencer.
Ts. Whitehill.
Sam. Hough.

Bombay Castle
5th. February 1757.

*P.S.* By the Bombay Frigate just arriv'd from Tellicherry, We learn she left the Triton Man of War from Great Britain, & the Blaze Fire ship about four days since, on this side Goa, and are therefore in hourly expectation of their Arrival here.

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**No. 60.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We now dispatch to You the sloop Musquita with Forty Bales, the Invoice of which shall follow overland.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. humble servts

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Chas. Turner·

Fort St. David
9th. April 1757.

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**N°. 61.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.,
President & Govr. of Fort St. George
&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since your Letter of the 27th. October, We have not been favour'd with any from you.

The Walpole is now under dispatch for your Presidency, to be fill'd up & return'd from thence to Europe, We have laden on her what Salt Petre we could procure, & a small quantity of Tincall consign'd to the Honble Company.

We cannot yet inform you what Appointment we shall make of the Marlbro, which ship we hope to have a full Lading for in September, provided your Honour &ca. supply Us in time with Money to purchase our Investmt.

A Peace being concluded between the Subah & Us, & an immediate Currency being promised to our Business, we are to request you will embrace the first Opportunity of sending Us down the Copper & Lead consign'd Us this season which Articles, We are of Opinion will meet with a sale.

Enclos'd is the Walpole's Charter Party and Copy of Captn. Fowler's Sailing Orders.

We have drawn upon Your Honour &ca. in favour of Henry Powney Esqr. Bills of Exchange for A. Rs. 7500 which We hope you have honour'd tho' We omitted at that time to give you Advice of it.

We must request Your Honour &ca. will send Us down the remainder of the Madeira Wine consign'd Us by the Marlbro' this season as We are very much distress'd for want of it.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servts.
Roger Drake &ca. Council.

Fort William
the 28th. Febry. 1757.

P.S. No stores for the Use of St. Helena are sent in the Walpole.

List of the Packet to Fort St. George ℔ Walpole.

1 General Letter dated 28th. February.
2 Invoice of Goods laden on the Walpole for Europe.
3 Do. of Sannoes.
4 Bills of Lading of Sundries laden on the Walpole.
5 Letter from the Select Committee of Fort Willm. to the Select Committee.
6 Letter from the Presidt. & Council of Fort Willm. to the Presidt &ca. at Bombay.
7 Copy of Captn. Fowler's Sailing Orders.
8 Copy of the Walpole's Charter Party.

John Cooke,
*Secry.*

**N°. 62.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Pursuant to an Order receiv'd from the President & Council of Fort William of the 28th. Febry. I set out & arriv'd on board this day.

I have mustered the ship's Company, & receiv'd, Mr. Wedderburn's Report of her Guns, & Ammunition, and the Captain having signed his Bills of Lading the said Report, Muster Roll, and first Bills of Lading are enclos'd in their proper Places.

Feet In.

The ship draws 16–9 I have delivered the Captain his dispatches and wish the ship a safe & speedy Voyage.

I am with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. hble Servt.
CULLING SMITH.

CULPEE
THE 9TH. MARCH 1757.

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**No. 63.**

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclosed you will receive Invoice for 40 Bales Consigned you ℔ Sloop Musquita.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. humble Servants
ALEXR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
ROBT. SLOPER.

FORT ST. DAVID
11TH. APRIL 1757.

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**No. 64.**

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I have been favour'd with your Letter of the 14th. Febry. I hope in few days to have settled all the Accounts depending between Mr. Hopkins & Goderow; but when the Ballance will be forth coming, is not in my Power to determine, tho' I apprehend it impossible for him to clear before the next Harvest.

The Accot. Stock I have recd, and will shortly transmit you the General Accounts of this Settlement regularly stated agreable to the Method of Form practised at the Presidency.

The Renter is bringing in the Quantity of Paddy stipulated by his Cowle, when the whole is delivered I shall not fail to advise your Honour &ca.

I have finish'd thirty three Garrison Carriages, and one field carriage for the use of this Place, but have been necessitated to make use of Tamarind Trees to compleat that Number, not being able to procure a sufficiency of the sort I mention'd to you in my Letter of 27th. Novr. that were of size suitable for our Purpose; so that your Honour &ca. will be disappointed of the Plank you expected from hence; Tho' if you approve of the Tamarind, which seems to be a very firm good Wood; and I am of Opinion will be equally usefull for the service, please to favor Me will [*sic*] your directions.

Some of Our Serjeants, and several private Men have correspondent with the Military Regulations given notice of their contracted time being nig elapsed; none of them are inclin'd to reinlist, at least not in this Garrison.

I now inclose an Indent for stores so large of Musquet Cartridge paper may appear extraordinary, but the Musquet Ammunition has been lying in a Magazine a considerable time past without being properly air'd, by which neglect it has suffer'd greatly, wherefore by the representation of Mr. Hume I have been under a Necessity of ordering it all to be broke up; and on examination found the Powder so clotted and damaged, that they were render'd entirely unserviceable, and might have prov'd of dangerous consequence had they been put in the hands of Men required for duty, therefore this extraordinary Indent for Paper to replace them Spirits of Wine & Salt Petre are Articles We are much in want of for preparing compositions, having many shells in Garrison with

(*Subsequent portion missing in the Original.*)

**No. 65.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd Your favor of the 10th.

We have acquainted Irshippah Chitty with Your Directions for his proceeding to Madrass to sign his Cowle, but he begs you will excuse him, as he is in a bad state of Health and he will send up an Agent to join with One he has already there, and he will stand to whatever they sign.

Cawn Moodelaire being now able to come abroad, We had his Affair under Consideration, Your Honr. &ca. may be assured he shall want no Assistance in our Power for the recovery of his debts, but by what We have already examined We fear We shall not meet with the success you seem to expect, as in general his Creditors have many Accounts to settle with him, and it will require an Arbitration to each, some of those in the List you sent us absolutely deny owing him any thing, and We don't find he has any Bonds to produce against Them to prevent his trifling with Us any longer We shall confine him to the Fort till his Accounts are settled with his Creditors.

Agreable to your directions Cotah will set out in a day or two to sign his Cowle for the weighing and Measuring Farm, there is a difference between his account of the Ballance due on the old Cowle, and Ours arising as he says by the Governour & Councils for giving him Pags. 100 of the Rent in July 1751 the Consultations for that year not being here We must request your Honr. &ca. will examine the truth of what he asserts.

We have demanded the Ballance due from Cawn Moodeliar and Irshippah Chitty, Deve Cotah Bound Renters which is Pags. 3000. Irshippa Chitti says he is ready to pay his half but will not be answerable for the other as Cawn Moodelaire is the Joint Partner and he will not allow that he is bound for him.

Our Consultations and Monthly Accots. for February now wait on you.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. humble Servts.

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Chas. Turner.

Fort St. David
15th. April 1757.

*P.S.* Lieutenant Langford departed this Life two days agoe.

TO ALEXR. WYNCH ESQR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

We have look'd over the Accounts for February, & remark nothing in them to object to their being pass'd.

As the Horse stables in Tevenapatam which have lately been converted into an Hospital stands in the Genl. Books at Pags. 4005–2–39, we submit it to you whether it would not be proper to transfer that sum to a head of HOSPITAL in TEVENAPATAM to be erected for that purpose. We are

GENTLEMEN
Your most obedt. Servants
ALEXR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
ROBT. SLOPER.

FORT ST. DAVID
29TH. MARCH 1757.

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**No. 66.**

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Mr. Percival arriv'd here the 1st. Instt. on the Neptune Sloop. Agreable to your Favour of the 24th. March the Charge of the Settlement was immediately made over to him as Chief, also the Ballance of Cash made up to the 31st. March, being Arcot Rupees 445 and Madras Pagodas 4–7–77 or Starr Pagodas 4–23–11 By the Neptune Sloop We receiv'd Arcot Rupees Thirty Thousand (30,000) and five Candys of Copper You will observe this supply came on very good time or we should have been in want for the Military and other Charges of the Garrison which are greatly encreas'd by the necessary Works now carrying on.

Our Cash is so very low We can make but small Advance to the Merchants, who assure Us a large Quantity of Cloth may be provided before September if they are furnish'd with Money in due time We doubt not but Your Honour &ca. will give Us all the Assistance you can to enable them and Us to do so, the Merchants having no Ballances in their hands.

Capt. Beaver was immediately releas'd from his Arrest and being desirous of returning to Fort St. George we have permitted him to proceed thither on the Neptune Sloop now bound thither.

On said Sloop We now consign you Twenty Bales of Callicoes brown on account of our Honble Masters amounting to Starr Pagodas Twelve hundred, and fifty six, and thirty four Fanams, as ℘ Invoice & Bill of Loading inclosed, being all We have on hand, which We hope you will approve of.

Mr. Anderson Surgeon of the Negraes goes Passenger on this Sloop.

Our Cash Account for March, and Duplicates of our last accompany this.

We are with greatest Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. Humble Servts.

WM. PERCEVAL.
J. L. SMITH.
MARMADUKE BEST.

VIZAGAPATAM
9TH. APRIL 1757.

**No. 67.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have this day drawn on you for one Thousand six hundred (1600) Pagodas in favour of Captain John Brohier value rec'd into the Honble Company's Cash here of Mr. Walton Stevens.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. humble Servants

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
... ... ...
Charles Turner.

Fort St. David
19th. April 1757.

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**No. 68.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclos'd are the usual Papers of this Settlement for last Month. The Ballance of Cash being insufficient to defray the Expences, by reason of repairing Nellipellee Godown, Your Honour &ca. will please to observe the Ballance of the Cash Account to be in my favour One Hundred and twelve Pagodas, twenty One fanams, & seventy two Cash (112–21–72) having advanc'd so much on the Honble Company's Account. A report having prevail'd for some time, of there being a large Body of Morattas upon entering the Country, such a Quantity of cloth have been brought to this Place that since the departure of Mr. Westcott, I have taken in near fifty Bales as its equall in every Respect to what is taken in for the Company I should be glad to know if Your Honr. &ca. will take it on their accounts.

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. humble Servant

John Calland.

Ingeram
4th. April 1757.

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**No. 69.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have this day drawn on you for three thousand two hundred & fifty (3250) Pagodas in favour of Captain Manuel Moreas for so much receiv'd of him into the Honble Company's Cash here.

We are with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. humble Servants

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
... ... ...
Chas. Turner.

Fort St. David
21st. April 1757.

## N°. 70.

To the Hon^ble George Pigot Esq^r.
President & Gov^r. &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

We wrote to you by the Oxford, under date the 1^st. June 1756 and have since receiv'd yours of the 2^nd. March last, by the Eastcourt, wherein you acquaint Us that you had heard from Us the last season, which surprized us very much, neither can We learn what that Miscarriage was owing to, as We wrote to you by the Exeter, and sent it enclosed to the Gentlemen of Fort Marlborough as usual.

As we Indented very largely for Long Cloth &c^a. in our Letter by the Grantham, dated the 12^th. April 1754, We did not write for any the last year, expecting you would have sent it by the first Opportunity, but your failing to do it has been a great disappointment to Us, as is likewise the want of the thirty Men slaves which We flattered ourselves We should have receiv'd this year, We desire you will be pleas'd to comply with Our request as soon as you possibly can, for we shall be otherwise much distressed.

We are
Hon^ble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Cha^s. Hutchinson.
... ... ...
John Clark.

S^t. Helena
21^st. June 1756.

## N°. 71.

To the Hon^ble George Pigot Esq^r.
President & Gov^r. &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

We take this opportunity by the Hon^ble Company's ship the Prince Henry Packet to enclose herewith duplicate of our last Letter to you under date the 21^st. of June, and desire you will comply with our Requests therein as soon as possible.

We are
Hon^ble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Cha^s. Hutchinson.
John Adamson.
John Clarke.

S^t. Helena
6^th. Nov^r. 1756.

## N°. 72.

To the Hon^ble George Pigot Esq^r.
President & Gov^r. &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd Your Letters of the [*Lacuna*] Instant ℘ Sally & Betsey Schooner with the Treasure consign'd Us on those Vessells which is all landed.

A Peace being concluded with the Subah, & tranquility establish'd by that means in these Provinces, We could wish Your Honour &c^a. would make Us an ample Consignment of Treasure early in the season that We may begin our ensuing Investment while there are but few Purchasers; The Capture of Chandernagore will likewise give Us. We imagine a great Advantage in the provision of our Goods, had We money to make use of this Advantage. These

Considerations, We doubt not, will have their proper Weight with your Hon^r^. &c^a^. and induce you to send Us a supply as soon as it lays in your Power.

The Nabob having consented to our establishing a Mint in Calcutta for coining of Siccas ( a Print We had been many years endeavouring to obtain without success) We request that all future Consignments to this Presidency may be made in Bullion, by which Our Honble Masters will reap a considerable advantage. We request likewise your Hon^r^. &c^a^. will inform us how the different sortments of Bullion & Gold turn out in your Mint & upon what terms private silver & gold is coin'd·

The Gentlemen at our Subordinates write Us they are receiving the Goods & Effects seiz'd at those Factories, We have no doubt likewise that the Goods which were taken of Our * Aurungs will very soon be delivered up. When the whole arrives & is properly pack'd there will be a sufficient Lading as near as We can judge, for one Ship, We are therefore to request your Honour &c^a^. will return the Marlbro to this place as soon as possible that We may dispatch her home early in September, compleatly laden from hence should you have a sufficient number of Bales by that time for the Tonnage of a ship, We desire you will detain One of them expected this season.

We have not been able to procure any Salt Petre to send by the Marlbro; she is dispatch'd chiefly to bring back such part of Our Copper, Lead, Iron, Woollen Goods &c^a^. as she can take in, which We request Your Honour &c^a^. will send by Her & such other Conveyances as you may think proper.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obed^t^. humble Servants
ROGER DRAKE *Junr.*
....
JAMES KILPATRICK.
RICH^D^. BECHER.
WILL^M^. FFRANKLAND.
WILL^M^. MACKETT.
P. AMYATT.

THE 26^TH^. MARCH 1757.
FORT WILLIAM

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## N°. 73.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOV^R^. &C^A^. COUNCIL OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I address'd you under date the 4^th^. Inst^t^. Duplicate of which comes enclosed, since when I been favoured with your Letter of the 24^th^. Ultimo. I should not have taken upon Me to draw on Your Honour &c^a^. had I not been in the greatest want, as I am at this juncture, having no more to defray my Expences that what I borrow of the most substantial People of the Place. The Account sortment will be very acceptable, so soon as I receive it, & the Month's Account made out, the Books shall be ballanc'd. I have summon'd the Company's Merchants belonging to this Factory & have made them acquainted with my Honble, Master's & your Injunctions of an Abatemen upon the different sortments to which after a long confabulation among themselves they made Me this Reply. That as their forefathers had serv'd the Company in their Investments, they would not now dispute their Commands, not but the Abatements were very considerable, and desired I would inform Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. of the disadvantage they lay under, more than what those Merch^ts^. do that belong to the French & Dutch, by the late beginning of the Investment, The

* 'Factories for the purchase, on advances, of native piece-goods, etc,—Hobson—Jobson.

French & Dutch Merchts. having it in their Power to make their Contracts much sooner than what they can, by which means, great detriment accrues to them; & concluded with the hopes that Your Honour &ca. would shortly employ them by a large supply of Cash I am with the greatest Respect,

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. humble Servt.
John Calland.

Ingeram
10th. April 1757.

No. 74.

To the Hon^ble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

I have been obliged by your Honr. &ca's. several Letters of the 24th. past & 7th. Instt. Having brought the Cordage to account in Our Books last Month, the Invoice which was before omitted comes herewith. With Respect to the Abatements Your Honour &ca. are pleas'd to order to be made in the Prices of the Izarrees & fine Cloth, I have sent for the Merchants & shall endeavour to regulate the ensuing Investment agreable thereto.

The five thousand /5000/ Pagodas Your Honour &ca. were pleas'd to send I have receiv'd by the Account of Cloth at Foot hereof You will find it little more than sufficient to pay my debts as I had not One Pagoda ballance in the Merchants hands at my last dispatch therefore I hope a speedy and large supply will soon follow. The stationary you thought proper to send Us has likewise been receiv'd.

The Morattas are return'd to their own Country without molesting these Provinces so that We are at present in Peace.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Hon^ble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. & most obliged humble Servant,
John Andrews.

Bandarmalanka
the 14th. April 1757.

Cloth on Hand.

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No.

To the Hon^ble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

We paid our Respects to you the 10th. Instant ℘ Neptune sloop Copy of which We now enclose, also Invoice, and second Bill of Lading for twenty Bales of Callicoes sent on her on account of our Hon^ble Masters.

Agreable to your Honour &ca's. Order we transmit you herewith Copy of Mr. Westcott's Invoice of the Stores laden on the Albecore Sloop with an account of the Perishable Articles dispos'd of at Publick Outcry, and those kept here for the Use of this Settlement being in great want thereof, for which We shall Credit your Presidency, likewise Copy of the Invoice of the remainder which we consign'd the Gentlemen at Bengall on the sloop Seahorse.

Inclosed are the Monthly Papers & Cash Account for March, as ℔ List of the Packet, We are with the greatest Respect,

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obed$^{t}$. humble Servants

WILL$^{M}$. PERCEVAL.
J. L. SMITH.
MARMADUKE BEST.

VIZAGAPATAM
12$^{TH}$. APRIL 1757.

LIST OF THE PACKET.

N$^{o}$. 1 General Letter.
2 Duplicate D$^{o}$. ℔ Neptune Sloop.
3 Duplicate Invoice ℔ D$^{o}$.
4 Second Bill of Lading ℔ D$^{o}$.
5 Duplicate Cash Account for March.
6 Copy of the Invoice from Ingeram ℔ Sloop Albecore.
7 List of Stores taken from her for the use of Vizagapatam.
8 Copy of the Invoice sent to Calcutta ℔ Sloop Sea Horse.
9 Pay Master's Accounts for February.
10 Warehouse Keeper's Account for D$^{o}$.
11 Storekeeper's Account for D$^{o}$.
12, 13 } Diaries & Consultations for February & March.
14 Charges of the Upparra Settlement &c$^{a}$.
15 Sea & River Customer's Accounts.
16 Increase & decrease for February.
17 Return of the Garrison for March.
18 A Return of Ordnance & Stores.
19 List of the Packett.

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**N$^{o}$. 76:**

TO THE HON̄BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ$^{R}$.
PRESIDENT & GOV$^{R}$. &C$^{A}$. COUNCIL OF FORT S$^{T}$. GEORGE.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS

Enclosed you will receive Invoice & Bill of Lading for 36 Guns laden on board Ship Sally.

We are with Respect,
HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obed$^{t}$. humble Servants

ALEX$^{R}$. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICH$^{D}$. FAIRFIELD.
... ... ...
CHARLES TURNER.

FORT S$^{T}$. DAVID
7$^{TH}$. MAY 1757.

## No. 77.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

We have this day drawn on you for One thousand six hundred fourteen Richard Finlay, value receiv'd into the Hoñble Company's Cash here of Richard Finalay, value receiv'd into the Hoñble Company's Cash here of Alexr. Wynch Esqr.

Fort St. David
8th. May 1757.

We are with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. humble servts
Alexr. Wynch
&ca. Council.

## No. 78.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd your Favour of the 11th. with the Bill of Exchange inclosed for twenty thousand (20,000) Pagodas, which has been duely accepted.

Captain Crichton Commander of the Mahomudy having acquainted Us his ship is in the Compy's service, We have taken the Opportunity of sending you 29 Iron Guns, and 8200 shott, and sixty Casks of his Majesty's Provisions Invoice & Bill of Lading for which comes inclosed, We have also laden on her 292 Bales, Invoice & Bill of Lading for which shall follow overland.

As the Company's Rice is considerably damaged, and cannot keep much longer, We have purchased of Captain Crichton about thirty six Garce of Good Rice at 54½ Pagodas ꝑ Garce, which We think a very reasonable Price, and We flatter Ourselves this step will meet with your approbation considering the necessity there is of keeping up the Garrison stock.

We have tried every Measure We can think of to dispose of the Company's Old Rice, but without success, as the People will not buy it, though offered in the Bazar at three & four Pagodas ꝑ Garce cheaper than the Market Price, the Cooleys on the Works when obliged to take it desert in great numbers, so that We have been obliged to put a stop to it. We can therefore see no other method but that of Compulsion which cannot fail of raising great Plenty & Cheapness of Country Grain, but We shall not proceed to this last step without your positive Orders.

Lieutenant Hume being arriv'd here from Devecotah, as Mr. Wynch acquaints Us to take Charge of the Works, in the room of Mr. Call, who goes up on this ship, We must request your Honr. &ca. will let us know whether he is to succeed him at the Board of Works, as also if he is to have the allowance for a Pallankeen which Mr. Call had as Assistant Engineer.

When Cootah took the Weighing & Measuring Farm in November 1751 He owed two hundred Pagodas on acct. of his former Cowle, One hundred of which he said was forgiven him in July 1751, but as We have no Records for that time to prove the truth of what he asserts, We must request your Orders regarding it.

We now transmit your Honr. &ca. our Indents for the Warehouse & Civil & Military Stores, and We are in the utmost want of many of the Articles, We beg the favour you will comply with them as soon as possible.

We are in great want of a Copy of the Cowle for the Arrack Farm granted to Linga Chitty, as he keeps much greater Number of Tipling Houses than were allowed by the last Cowle, to which in a great Measure must be attributed the

Great desertion lately of the Military from this Garrison, for which reason We have been obliged to order the Regulations in the old Cowle to take place 'till We receive the new One.

Irshippah Chitty having been acquainted by Linga Chitty's Agents with your Honour &ca's. Intention of advancing him on account of the Investment at Madrass, has beg'd it as a favour We will inform You it is by no means convenient for him to receive it there as he must advance the Money to the Weavers at, & to the Southward of, this Place. His Ballance is about five thousand six hundred Pagodas & Linga Chitty's Four thousand five hundred Pagodas.

We have drawn on you in favour of Captn. Crichton for One thousand five hundred sixty three (1563) Pagods. for so much receiv'd of him into the Honble Company's Cash here.

We are with Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. humble Servants
AR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
... ... ...
CHARLES TURNER.

FORT ST. DAVID
16TH. MAY 1757.

*P.S.* Our Consultations, & Monthly Accounts for March wait on you by this Ship.

TO ALEXR. WYNCH ESQR. AND
THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN

We Examined the Accounts of this Settlement for last month, & have nothing particular to point to you, the Calculations & Additions being all right.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most obedt. Servants
ALEXR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
ROBT. SLOPER.

FORT ST. DAVID
30TH. APRIL 1757.

INDENT for goods wanting for the Import Warehouse.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| BROAD CLOTH— | | |
| Scarlet fine | 6 bales. | |
| Green Do. | 1 ,, | |
| | — | 7 |
| BROAD CLOTH, AURORA | | 6 |
| BROAD CLOTH, ORDINARY— | | |
| Red | 15 | |
| Blue | 2 | |
| | — | 17 |
| PERPETUANOES, ordry. Red | — | 1 |
| CAMBLET, BLUE | | 6 Pieces. |
| RED LEAD | 2 Candy. | |
| WHITE Do. | 2 Do. | |
| LEAD | 50 Do. | |

FORT ST. DAVID
9TH MAY 1757.

HUGH NORRIS,
*Impt. Warehousekr.*

FORT ST. DAVID 9TH MAY 1757.

INDENT of Goods wanting for the Export Warehouse.

SALT PETRE .. 150 Candys.

Not an Ounce in Garrison & much wanted for making Gun Powder.

HUGH NORRIS,
*Expt. Warehse. Keepr.*

FORT ST. DAVID,
7TH. MAY 1757.

INDENT of Sundry Stores wanting for the use of the Garrison for the whole year, Vizt.

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|---|---|
| IRON BARR .. | 200 two hundred Weight. |
| STEEL .. .. | 10, ten Do. |
| Four penny Nails. | 5, five Do. |
| Forty penny Nails. | 10, ten Do. |
| Stock Locks, large & small. | 36, thirty six. |
| Hand Bellows .. | 12, twelve pairs. |
| Brass Wire .. | 4, four hundred Weight. |
| Brass Nails .. | 5,000, five thousand. |
| Brass Cocks .. | 6, six. |
| Tin Lanthorns .. | 36, thirty six. |
| Muscovy Lights .. | 24, twenty four—very much wanted not having a good one in garrison. |
| Smith's Bellows.. | 4, four pair. |
| Files large of sorts. | 120, One hundred & twenty. |
| Rubbers.. .. | 36, thirty six. |
| Rasps .. .. | 12, Twelve. |
| Standing Vices.. | 6, Six. |
| Hand Do. .. | 12, twelve. |
| Two foot Rules.. | 12, twelve. |
| Log Lines .. | 60, sixty skaines. |
| Hand Do. .. | 24, twenty four Do. |
| Itamblo do. .. | 24, twenty four do. |
| Deep Sea do. .. | 12, twelve do. |
| Tarr .. .. | 50, fifty Barrels |
| Pitch .. .. | 18, Eighteen do. |
| Sea Coal .. | 50, fifty Bushels. |
| Sail Needles .. | 100, One hundred. |
| Bolt Rope Needles. | 50, fifty. |
| Teak Planks of 1 & 2 inch. | 200, Two hundred. |
| Teak Planks from 2½ to 5 do. | 150, One hundred & fifty. |
| Sheathing Planks. | 500, five hundred |
| Joices .. | 40, forty |
| Spars .. .. | 6, six. |
| Pitch Pots .. | 12, twelve. |
| Jack Planes .. | 12, do. |
| Jointing do. .. | 12, do. |
| Long do. .. | 12, do. |
| Smoothing planes. | 12, do. |
| Rabbit do. . | 12, do. |
| Ploughs.. .. | 1, One Set. |
| Do. Irons .. | 1, One do. |
| Plane Irons .. | 24, twenty four. |
| Stationary Ware. | 4, four chests. |

RICHD: FAIRFIELD,
*Store Keeper.*

FORT ST. DAVID, 16TH
MAY 1757.

INDENT OF MILITARY STORES WANTING FOR
THE USE OF THIS GARRISON, TO
COMPLEAT OUR INDENT OF JUNE 1756.

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|---|---|
| Tann'd Hides .. | 12, twelve. |
| Brass Ware Seives. | 6, six. |
| Hair Seives .. | 6, six. |
| Spirits of Wine .. | 38, thirty Eight Gallons. |
| Europe Cartridge Paper. | 50, fifty Rheams..very much wanted for Portfires & other uses there not being a Sheet in Garrison. |
| Bengal do. .. | 50, fifty do. |
| Bengal Twine .. | 2, Two Candy. |
| Wooden drums .. | 20, Twenty. |
| Brass drums .. | 9, Nine. |
| Drum Cases .. | 15, fifteen. |
| Firelocks of sorts. | 2,000, two thousand. |
| Weights & Scales. | 4, four setts. |
| Flannels.. .. | 20, twenty pieces. |
| Painting Brushes. | 100, One hundred. |
| Iron Guns short 3 Poundrs. | 4, Four. |
| Flints pick'd & good. | 20,000, twenty thousand. |

RICHD. FAIRFIELD,
*Military Storekeepr.*

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No.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We addressed you ℘ the Prince George, and Fanny Snow, and have since receiv'd your Favours of the 3d. of November & 3d. of February.

It affords Us great pleasure to observe Your Honour &ca. expected, you should be able to load home two ships besides the Chesterfield, & the Quantity of Pepper at Tellicherry would enable Us to provide for the Tonnage, We have acquainted Your Honour &ca. We had wrote for from Bengall, but as the Chief and Factors had not any Account the 13th. Ultimo of a Ship being destined thither, We conclude the President & Council don't intend sending any thither this season.

We have hitherto only heard that the English Forces retook Calcutta on the 2nd. of January, by a Country Letter the President receiv'd the 7th. Ultimo from Muxadabad, but hourly expect Advice from Your Honour &ca. and the Gentlemen there, that Our Honble Master's Affairs are re-established on a good Footing.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. humble Servts.
RICHD. BOURCHIER.
CHAS. CROMMELIN.
JAS. FOULIS.
WM. SEDGEWICKE.
WM. HORNBY.
JS. BYFIELD.
TS. WHITEHILL.
SAM: HOUGH.

BOMBAY CASTLE
22ND. APRIL 1757.

## N°. 80.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves to inclose Invoice & Bill of Lading for 292 Bales laden on board ship Mahomudy, Captain David Crichton Commander.

We are with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servts.
Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
... ... ...
Charles Turner.

Fort St. David
17th. May 1757.

## N°. 81.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

I take this Opportunity by a Dutch ship to acquaint you there has been two French Men of War of 60 & 74 Guns in the Straits of Sunday waiting for Our China Ships.

But luckily the three airly ships [*sic*] had past thro' the 20th. of Janry. and by the accounts We have the French came into the Streights but a few days after, & took Captain Hutchinson's Long Boat, as she was returning to Batavia, from on Board Our three ships.

The Griffin from Limpo, the Harcourt, and Stormont from Canton, left Malacca for England in Company the 2nd. of March all well on board.

I came in the Griffin to Malacca, and am here to wait for the ships that are bound for Limpo, I shall be obliged to you on the arrival of Our China Ships from England if you will but acquaint the Supra Cargoes of my being at Batavia.

We have not had any Acct. of the French ships lately, But it is thought they are gone to refresh till the season for the Outward bound Ships, so a little of the Admiral's Assistance would not be amiss, and am

Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servant
James Flint.

Batavia
April the 12th. 1757.

## N°.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

I have taken indefatigable Pains to gain My Passage to Canton this last season, But by an unhappy Accident was obliged to bear away at a time & Place, when & where but a few Hours before the Accident happened I thought there was nothing against my getting my Passage. But to put this my Misfortune in a clearer Light to You, I will beg leave to relate the Matters of fact, which happened from the time of my leaving Madrass to my bearing away and coming to this Port, by which I dare say you will be fully convinc'd that I used my utmost Efforts to gain my Passage, and that it was unavoidable Necessity that obliged Me to put in here, & consequently hindred my returning back to You.

I sail'd from Madrass August the thirty first, arriv'd safe at Malacca September the Twenty third, took in twenty five tons of Water there, & sail'd thence September the twenty sixth I saw Pulo Saparta October the ninth when had a hard Gale but in the Western Board. From hence I steer'd directly over for the Coast of Luconia, & made the Lambana's Islands, October the Nineteenth when was taken in the N.W. quarter against which was obliged to turn to Windward under double, & treble Reef'd top sails, for four days to get to the northward of them, which We did the twenty second and the twenty third fell in with the Coast of Luconia in the Lat^d. of 14° N. Here we were baffled for two or three days, with Calms & light winds, & no favourable Currents as I expected, till the twenty sixth when got in shore and that by the help of Land & Sea Breezes did very well, indeed I thought all difficultys were over, and by the thirtieth of October, got along shore of Luconia in the Lat^d. of 16°—N. all promising very fair; But on Sunday, October the thirty first, the Face of Affairs was quite alter'd, the Wind continued all that day in the N.E. quarter, and encreas'd to a hard Gale, which brought on a large Sea, and at four (A.M.) We carried away the Fore topmast, which in the fall broke the Fore & Foretopmast Cross Trees, and broke the Foretop in two, and split all the sails that was set on the Foremast, We were at this time about five Leagues Off the N.W. Point of Luconia. We immediately got the wreck of the Foretop Mast secured, Wore ship, & lay too with the ship's Head off & on Shore for twenty four Hours to try if the Gale and, Bad Weather wou'd break up. This day at noon was in the Lat^d. of 16°. 22' n/ The new Port of Luconia bearing Eb N. Dist^ce. 4 Leagues But instead of the Wind's abating, or the Weather breaking up The Wind was stronger, coming in heavy squalls & the Sea higher and more irregular as that it made the Ship labour exceeding hard and We broke two of our Main Shrouds of the lbaour'd side, and One of each side was broke before, this I own almost quite dismay'd Me, and on which I call'd a Consultation of all Officers, who unanimously agreed that We were under unavoidable necessity of Bearing away and go into the first safe Port We could gain. For in the Condition We were in, or could put the Ship into at Sea, she would not be fit to cross the Bay of Bengall, for in the late hard Gale We met off the Lambana's Islands & in this present Gale We had strain'd the Ship's Upperworks so much that is [*sic*] was absolutely necessary to Caulk her as soon as possible, and by Breaking four of our Main shrouds, and greatly straining all the standing Rigging it was absolutely necessary to new Rigg the Main Mast, and this was the only Place of safety We had to go to, where we could be supplied with necessary stores to refit the ship with. For We all know at Malacca there was no sea stores to be got, nay it was very difficult to get Provisions for our People when I was there, and what I did get was so bad, that it threw my whole ship's Company (only two excepted) into such a violent disorder, that scarce any of them had recovered their strength when I bore away, and it was My doctor's Opinion was I to feed my People on the Malacca Provisions the time it would take to refit the ship, that We should lose most of Them. I thereon bore away But after all this as I thought my Officers might be in a hurry of spirit just after carrying away the Fore Topmast on the main Rigging giving way. I therefore call'd a second Consultation (a day or two before I expected to be off the Mouth of the Streights of Mallacca) and desired them deliberately to think on Our Condition and Candidly give Me their Opinion what would be the best course to take. They again in writing sent Me their Unanimous Opinion that it was absolutely necessary for the safety of the ship that We should go into Port, to Caulk the ship and new Rigg the Mainmast, and that Batavia was the only Port where We could get stores and Necessaries We stood in need of. These were the Reasons that induc'd Me to come in here, where I arriv'd safe December the 9^th. and as I shall have an Opportunity of sending the Packets to my Super Cargoes, shall do as they direct, That is there is no Cargoe for my ship at Canton, fitt the ship, & go directly for the Coast, Or if there is a Cargo shall stay, and go from hence for Canton early next season.

I have govern'd My actions by the best Jud[g]em$^{t}$. I had, and that founded on Matters of Fact, and from the Best Advices I could get, I hope therefore GENTLEMEN, you will approve of Them, and tho' I have been unsuccessfull in my Endeavours to gain my Passage, I may at least be thought a Person who am desirous of serving the Company as far as it is in my Power, and also ready to obey your Commands, being GENTLEMEN

Your most obedient humble Servant
NORTON HUTCHINSON.

*P.S.* A ship which sailed from Amsterdam, the Nineteenth of last May brings the following Reports, Viz$^{t}$. That the French had taken the Town of Minorca, and landed on that Island with intent to besiege Mahon, that they had taken New York in North America. The latter is not Credited but it is thought they have had some Advantage of Us in North America.

Admiral Byng carried a Reinforcement to Mahon, and has had an Engagement with a French Fleet, and got some Advantage in the Engagement, but the Particulars of the Engagement are not yet known here. There are a large Body of Foreign Troops Entertain'd by Us in England, The King of Russia has engaged to defend the King's German dominions from the French, which 'tis said has a little disgusted the Queen of Hungary, and the Zarina.

The King of Spain has positively declared to stand Neuter, a Report prevail'd here that War was declared the twentieth of May On which Report I waited on the General to know the Truth, and he assur'd Me 'twas a false Report; for on hearing it, he sent for the Captain of the ship abovemention'd, who told him it was only an idle Report put about by some of his People, and that I might assure Myself, War was not yet declar'd when this ship left Amsterdam or did he in his own opinion believe there wou'd be a War at all. Some shocks and continual Perturbations of the Earth still continued at and about the Place where Lisbon stood· When this ship left Holland, accounts of most extraordinary & Melancholy Catastrophes all over Europe, takes up great part of the Amsterdam Gazette, as Hills moving from their Places, others rending in two, And there is a particular Account of a shower of Fire falling at Orian, a Place I judge that lies in the Emperor of Morocco's Dominions.

Since my being in here have strip'd Main Mast & Foremast, found every pair of my Main shrouds either broke, or stranded, except One Pair, and those which I had spliced at Sea, that I am surpriz'd how the Main Mast stood, to bring Us in here, and One Pair of the Fore-shrouds are quite gone, I am

GENTLEMEN.
Your most obed$^{t}$. Humble Serv$^{t}$.
NORTON HUTCHINSON.

BATAVIA
JANUARY THE 1$^{ST}$. 1757.

GENTLEMEN

*P.S.*—Since writing the foregoing Letter, the following Occurrences have come to my knowledge, and which I take the Liberty to transmit to You, Viz$^{t}$. the sixth of February I receiv'd a Letter from M$^{r}$. Pegou, dated off North Island, January the fifteenth, informing Me of my Cargoes being provided, and ready for Me at Canton, this exclusive of the risk I must have run of the Enemy in going for the Coast would have determined Me to stay here, till a proper time of the year, and then to proceed to Canton which I shall do. The same day the Grampuss Tender, Capt$^{n}$. Jackson, who had sail'd some days before from hence return'd and brought Account that the Fifth he was chac'd off thwart the way Island by a French Man of War Sixty four Guns, who fired several single shot at him and two whole Broad sides, and by the account I have had of the Affair Jackson got clear by his good Seamanship. Captain Jackson acquainted Me that he saw a Long Boat in possession of the French, which he was sure was my Long Boat. The twenty fourth of February the Geriah

Ketch (which sail'd in Company from hence with the Grampus) return'd; and Captn. Blair acquainted Me, that he came to anchor at Princes Island, from whence he saw two ships in Mew Bay, One of which came to Prince's Island, she was a Swede Ship from China, and told him the other ship was a French Man of War of sixty four Guns who had took my Long Boat February the first, as she was returning from Prince's Island towards Batavia, just off Crocatore Island, and that the Suffolk, Houghton, and Godolphin had sail'd safe from Prince's Island, a few days before the French Man of War arriv'd on the Straights of Sunda. In my long Boat I lost my second mate (Mr. Collett) and Eight good Men; On March the twenty fourth Messrs. Flint and Beavin arriv'd from Malacca, and brought the agreable News of the Harcourt, Stormont & Griffin having sail'd from Malacca the twenty Eighth of February, as also did the Hardwicke belonging to Bombay.

The French Man of War infested the Straights for some time, but We have heard nothing of him lately. The third instt. a small French ship arriv'd here having lost her Passage from the Mauritius to Bengall. He has Cowreys and Tobacco on board, and by what I can find intends to sail for Bengall in about two Months, he left at Mauritius seven East India Men fitted as Men of War, and 4 large Men of War sail'd from the Mauritius for India before Him.

In case my poor unfortunate People (more especially Mr. Collett) shou'd be fortunate enough to be carried to Pondicherry, it wou'd be doing the Honble Company, Themselves, and Me very great service, if you cou'd exchange them and send them to Me by the ships which come to China from the Coast this next season, for I am very weakly mann'd, having less than my complement by twenty two Men, I am

BATAVIA
APRIL 8TH. 1757.

GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient humble Servt.
NORTON HUTCHINSON.

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No. 83.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclosed is duplicate of Our list, and We take this Opportunity to advise you that on the 27th. Ultimo Our Honble Master's Ship Royal Duke sail'd hence for Canton, and that Our Remains in Warehouse is Cs. 2832, of Pepper.

Also that on the 30th. Ultimo, a small French Ship imported at Myhie which is said to have come from the Mauritius & has been at Boccanore, where she took in a Cargoe of Rice, the day after her Arrival a Snow that has been some Months in their Road sail'd as We hear for Pondicherry.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servts.
THOS. HODGES.
TITUS SCOTT.
... ... ...
HENRY JOHNSON.

TELLICHERRY
8TH. MAY 1757.

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No.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have receiv'd your favour of the 26th. Ulto.

Our Consultations & Monthly Accounts for April now wait on you also Calculate Quick Stock to the 30th. April.

We must request You will furnish Us with an Invoice of the Arrack receiv'd here from his Majesty's Squadron and Mr. Kellett, as it has not yet been brought to account in our Books.

Mr. Charles Turner, being greatly indisposed and of Opinion he cannot recover at this Place, as he has not enjoyed a Perfect state of Health since his arrival here, begs the Favour your Honour &ca. will permit him to proceed to, Madrass, the first Opportunity.

We are with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Charles Turner.

Fort St. David
11th. June 1757.

To Alexr. Wynch Esqr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have examin'd the Accounts for the Month of April, and remark nothing in them to impede their being pass'd; The Calculations &ca. are all right.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most obedt. humble Servts.

Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Robt. Sloper.

Fort St. David
30th. May 1757.

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No. 85.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The French having receiv'd Information that Our Troops had taken Chandernagore, drew all the Forces they could from Metchlapatam, Rajahmundrum, Narsapore &ca. to Yanam; the 3d. Instant I receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Calland advising Me that they were making all possible Preparations to attack Nellipellee, & desiring what assistance I could give him, accordingly the 4th. I dispatch'd a doney with all my Military, giving them conditionall Orders either to proceed up Guardewar or Coringa River as they should see best, and that in case, Nellipellee should be lost, or Besieg'd in such manner as that they could not come at it, and the wind should not permit them to return to Me to proceed immediately to Vizagapatam, since which (the Roads and Rivers being all block'd up) I have heard nothing but what the French Report, which is that they fell into the hands of their Sahipoys, one Person being killed, two wounded, and the rest taken. The 4th. at Night having got the Cloth in it's different stages at the Walsh, dried, and ready, I embaled, and loaded it on board the sloop George, together with the Broad Cloth, Guns, Ammunition, & every thing else belonging to the Company, and on the 5th. in the Morning sent her close to the Bar, but the Sea Winds blowing fresh, and no likelihood of her getting over the Barr, and all the Rivers and Passes

stopp'd by the French Forces, I thought it most adviseable as I could not defend Myself to make My retreat, which I did the 6th. at Night to this Place, narrowly escaping the different Parties that were laid for Me, since which I can get no other Information than that some Guns are fired from Nellipellee upon the Besiegers, but none from them at Our People the reason of which delay by all I can learn is that they want Power, and wait Orders from Pondicherry to justifie their Proceedings should the Council of Pondicherry think the affairs of Bengall no way influencing to them on the Coast, and order them to desist, I must request your Honour &ca. will immediately procure a Passport for myself and Mr. Dolben with our Effects to proceed to Bandarmalanka otherwise they will take the Advantage of the War, to make Us Prisoners, that We may be exchanged for some others. Whether the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam were advised of this affair I cannot say (though I think they must) yet had I receiv'd any Intelligence at the time the French did, it would have saved Us much trouble, & greatly lessened both the Publick and Private Loss. This comes under the Dutch Cover to Puliacat, and I hope by the same Channell to have your speedy answer and Advice, At foot hereof is Account of the Cloth shipp'd on board; further Particulars, and whether the sloop has got over the Barr you shall have with my next.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient and most
Obliged humble Servant
John Andrews.

Palicol
the 9th. May 1757.

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Broad Cloth.
1 Chest.
4 Bales.

**No. 86.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

I had the pleasure to address your Honour &ca. the 9th. instant from Palicol, the 11th. Nellipellee surrendered to the French, and the 12th. they sent a Party to take possession of Bandarmalanka; but not before the sloop sailed with the Company's Effects, which, with difficulty, was got over the Barr (against a strong southerly wind) upon the Promise of a Pecuniary Reward to the Pilot. I can get no particulars of the Evacuation of Nellipelle but what comes from the French themselves, who tell Me they surrendered Themselves Prisoners of War.

I came here a few days past upon their word, my family being ill, and all My Effects in their Power, for not willing to detain the sloop I chose rather to risque My own Effects than the Company's—I believe I shall at last be obliged to surrender Myself in order to get My Liberty, and whether or no I shall then save my own Effects is dubious, however I shall have the satisfaction to know that I have done My duty to My Masters.

The Enemy are collecting all the Force they possibly can to join Mr. Bussie, who will I believe very shortly march against Vizagapatam, the disposition of that Place and what Assistance will be necessary will be best known to your Honour &ca. I hope my last will be time enough to prevent any supplies being sent either to Nellipelle or Bandarmalanka.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient and most obliged humble Servant
John Andrews.

Madapollam
the 16th. May 1757

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**No. 87.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In two several Letters which I had the honour to write You from Palicol I gave you an Account of the Proceedings of the French, and that Nellipellee, and Bandarmalanka were fallen into their hands, but the Dutch Factory there being surrounded, and their Letters stopt and Open'd on my Account, those Letters fell into the hands of Mr. Moracin when he delivered Me Yesterday, and now come inclosed, as also the accounts for last Month, by which and the accot. of Cloth sent to Vizagapatam you will observe that the Company will be no sufferers in their Cash, and not much Money lying in the Merchant's hands. As the sloop is I hope safe at Vizagapatam, and on board her every part of the Company's stock that could possibly be shipp'd off I shall shortly be able to give you a more particular and satisfactory account of the whole.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient and most obliged humble Servant
John Andrews.

Metchlepatam
the 25th. May 1757.

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**No. 88.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By this Vessell who sail'd for Bengall September last, I addrss'd your Honour &ca. Council in order to inform you of the Situation Our Honble Master's affairs were then in at this Settlement. The Vessell lost her Passage occasion'd by Accident, and the season too far advanc'd, and returned here the beginning October following. The Hartop Snow has I hear since been dispatch'd to you from My Superiours at Fort Marlbro, and as I transmitted them a Copy of my designed address to your Honour &ca. I imagine frm them you will receive full advices relating thereto, I therefore do not trouble you with a Repetition.

We have been perfectly quiet since my last dispatch, and very luckily some boats brought Us supplies of Rice, which has partly eased the discontents of the Inhabitants at Our want of proper Supplies.

If it possible for your Honour &c^a^. Council to send Us Salt, it will be very acceptable, as the Place has been without for a considerable time; We have various Reports of the designs of Our neighbours sometimes 'tis said Bugginda Maraja Lello who went to Batavia last August to solicit for assistance in order to drive the English from hence has been well receiv'd and is shortly expected with a large Party; from others 'tis said he is call'd to account for the Expence he has run the Dutch Company to, and that Mr. Herzeele Govr. of Padong is likewise recalled on that account, Of the Atcheen Rebels I can get no Intelligence more satisfactory.

I beg leave to assure your Honour &ca. that I shall not be remiss in discharging the duty I owe to our Honble Masters, in my care of their Concerns here, and that I am with all respect

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servant
RH. MARRIOT.

NATTALL
THE 13TH. APRIL 1757.

## No. 89.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The St. John Ketch carried our last Address, and We had not the Pleasure to receive your Honour &ca. favour of the 19th. of February, enclosing a Packet from the Gentlemen at Bengall, till the 10th. Ultimo.

We participate in your Joy, on the late success of Our Honble Master's affairs at that Presidency, which We have communicated to them by the Way of Bussorah, and desire your Honr. &ca. will forward the accompanying Packett for the President & Council at Fort William, by the first Conveyance as it contains a Draft in their Favour.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants
RICHARD BOURCHIER.
CHAS. CROMMELIN.
JAMES FOULIS.
WM. SEDGEWICKE.
GEORGE SCOTT.
JS. BYFIELD.
SAM: HOUGH.

BOMBAY CASTLE
1ST. JUNE 1757.

## No. 90.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I have receiv'd your Favor of the 18th. Ulto. and this is only to enclose you the accounts of this Settlement from the Month of August, to the end of March.

DEVE COTAH
14TH. JUNE 1757.

I am with Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. humble Servant
JAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 91.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have none of your Favors unanswered. This is purposely to enclose a Packet for the Honble the President and Council of Bombay which We request you will forward immediately on its arrival.

On the 9th. of April last, George Scott Esqr. repaired to Bombay, and delivered over the Charge of this Settlement to Mr. John Spencer.

We are,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. Servants
J. Spencer.
Cecil Bowyer.
Arthur King.
H. Moore.

Anjengo
1st. June 1757.

No. 92.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd your favour of the 21st. and agreable to your directions, Mr. Andrew Newton has taken his seat at this Board, and has had Mr. Turner's Employs delivered over to Him.

We have drawn on you for One thousand eight hundred and fifty (1850) Pagodas in favour of Mr. Charles Turner value receiv'd into the Honble Company's Cash here of Mr. Hugh Norris.

After much trouble We have got one Arbitration finish'd between Cawn Moodelaire, and Shitumbela Chitty, who is awarded to pay him Pagodas 1060, but he positively refuses to stand to his Award, saying the Arbitrators have not done him justice, in not having set aside a Bond for Pagodas 590, which he says Cawn Moodelaire's Brother forced from him at Porto Novo as it is most probable all the Awards will be disputed in the same manner. We must request your Honour &ca's. directions how We are to proceed in this case of Shitumbela Chitty or any of the others that may make the same Plea. We are much afraid all our endeavours will be of little Effect to bring Cawn Moodelaire's affairs to a Settlement as We are obliged to force his debtors to an Arbitration, and even to use force to make the Arbitrators settle the Accounts which they complain are so entricate, and take up so much of their time, that it prevents their minding their own Affairs. And We have been obliged to confine him to the Fort, having some reason to fear he intended to leave the Bounds, which has put an entire stop to the Affair at present, as the Arbitrators cannot go on without he is at Cuddalore, and We do think it safe to trust him there without your positive Orders.

By this Boat We send you seventeen Timbers, Invoice for which comes inclosed, which are all We had of the dimensions you indented for, the two Timbers prepared for the Bascule of a drawbridge are but 20 feet long and 7 Inches square for which reason We have not sent them. The Gun Carriages shall follow the first Conveyance that offers.

We are with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. humble Servants
Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
... ... ...
Andrew Newton.

Fort St. David
30th. June 1757

**N°. 93.**

To the Hon͠ble George Pigot Esqr.,
President & Gov^R^. of Fort S^T^. George &c^A^. Council.

Hon͠ble Sir & Sirs

This waits on your Honour &c^a^. with the Accounts for last Month, as the Cash is indebted to Me, and I am distress'd for Money I have taken the Liberty to draw on you for 1000 Curr^t^. Pag^s^. which I hope you will be so good as to pay. Inclosed is also the Invoice of Cloth sent to Vizagapatam, it was taken from the Wash some in Cow-dung, some ¼ some ½ wash'd, but dried as well as our time would permit before it was embaled, it is I hear gone to Bengall, I have therefore brought it to account, and given the Merchants their due Credit, that every thing may appear as plain as possible, the several stores sent to Vizagapatam I have debted your account Current for. As the servants were all assisting the best part of the Month, I have charged the whole as usual, this Month I shall charge no more than is absolutely necessary. As I have only liberty to send a Letter to my Correspondent, I am obliged to write upon as little paper as possible, and put it under private Cover. lest Bulk and different seals should occasion Suspicion and Stoppage. A Camp consisting of 400 Europeans, and about 1500 Seapoys marched four days since from Rajahmundrum to the Northward I presume to join Mon^s^. Bussie, who is at Chicacull, and has sent Orders to Vizianagaram to prevent any thing going into Vizagapatam.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Hon͠ble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient and most
obliged humble Servant
John Andrews.

Madepollam
the 3^D^. June 1757.

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**N°. 94.**

To the Hon͠ble Geore Pigot Esq^R^.
President & Gov^R^. &c^A^. Council of Fort S^T^. George.

Hon͠ble Sir & Sirs

We have received your favour of the 9^th^. when the Mahomudy arrives she must proceed to Deve Cotah, as there is no probability of another Conveyance of the Ammunition.

We have taken the Opportunity of this Dutch Vessel to forward You Our Consultations & Monthly Accounts for May.

Having demanded the Rent due on the Trevendeporum Farm of Linga Chittee's Agents they inform Us they have no directions from him to pay it. We therefore request your Honour &c^a^. will acquaint Us whether it is to be paid here.

We are with Respect,
Hon͠ble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants
Alex^R^. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Rich^D^. Fairfield.
... ... ...
Andrew Newton.

Fort S^T^. David
13^th^. July 1757.

To ALEXR. WYNCH ESQR.
AND THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

We have nothing material to remark to you regarding the accounts of that settlement for May. The Calculations and Additions are all right.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most humble and
obedient Servants

ALEXR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
ROBT. SLOPER.

FORT ST. DAVID
30TH. JUNE 1757.

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**No. 95.**

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Letter of the 21st. Ultimo I recd the 2nd. Instant; Your Honour &ca. may be persuaded I shall readily afford all the assistance in my power to the Renter, to make such improvements as he may deem necessary.

I am much at a loss to know what Articles the Renter is intitled to draw Juncan on; If any on the Effects of European traders that may touch at this Port, or whither any duty is to be levied on Grain or any other kind of Provisions that are necessary for the support of the Inhabitants, I must request your Honour &ca's. directions on this Occasion. I shall be rigidly cautious in preventing the Polligar attempting any infringement on the Renter's Property. The extent of Ground express'd in your General Letter is exactly (by the strictest information I can get) what he has ever possess'd since the establishment of this Settlement. The Charity Bramins have made no Encroachments on the Renter since the Cowle granted them by Mr. Saunders &ca. Council; But I find on examining a Complaint they lately preferr'd to my decision that then imposed a most egregious piece of Forgery on the Board; For I am positively assured by the most creditable Inhabitants that by the King of Tanjour's original Synod, they were entitled to no more than (25½) twenty five and half Valees, reducing the different measures to Valees calculated at sticks of 12 Feet each, that the Bramins when called on to produce the aforesaid Synod from which their Priviledges were to be ascertain'd and confirmed to them by this new Grant, instead of the original Synod, forged the King's Seal, drew out another, and presented to the President &ca. by which piece of Knavery they acquired sixteen additional Valees, which added to their former Indulgence amounts to forty two Valees, reducing the whole to the prementioned Calculate of twelve feet sticks each. Your Honr. &ca. will from hence judge how far this merits your consideration, & favour Me with your Resolutions relative thereto.

I have receiv'd from the late Renters Agents, the 50 Garce of Paddy contracted for by Cowle, and shall be glad of your Honour &ca's. directions whether the quantity laid in last year is to be disposed of. I am apprehensive it may be liable to damage by keeping and if sold the Company must be sufferers at the present Market Price.

I am with Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. humble Servant
JAMES BOURCHIER.

DEVE COTAH
10TH. JULY 1757.

## N°. 96.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote to you last by the Exeter, under date of the 9th. April 1755, and have since receiv'd your Letters dated the 10th. March 1755, by the Winchelsea, and the 27th. October 1755, by the Hardwicke.

We desire you will send Us for the use of this Place, fifty pair of Cotton stockings, of different sizes, to cost about six shillings ℘ Pair, twelve Pieces long Cloth, about thirteen Pagodas ℘ Piece, six Table Cloths seven yards wide, and two and a half yards wide, fourteen Table Cloths four Yards Long, and two and a half yards wide, ten dozen of Napkins of the Common size and one dozen of Napkins of a larger size to lay upon the Table Cloths, all these to be of a strong middling draper for the use of the Honourable Company.

If you have not already sent the thirty men slaves, that We have expected for some time past, We hope you will not fail to send them by the very first opportunity, that offers after you receive this, as We are greatly in want of them to carry on their Honour's Business here.

Enclosed We send You the annual List of ships arrival and departure to and from this Place.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Chas. Hutchinson.
John Adamson.
John Clark.

St. Helena
1st. June 1756.

## N°. 97.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the Hartop Snow which left this Place in July last, We gave you a circumstantial accot. of the situation of our Honble Master's Affairs on this Establishment, and have been long in expectation of seeing a Vessell with the supplies we have then so pressingly wrote for, indeed we almost began to fear some accident had befallen her, when a small advice Boat dispatch'd to Us express from Nattall brought Us the melancholy News of the loss of our Honble Master's valuable Settlement of Fort William in Bengall, The Intelligence as communicated to Us We beg leave to refer you to the enclosed Letter for an accot. of and though We flatter Ourselvs with hopes that some Circumstance of it may be exaggerated, yet we cannot but be under the utmost anxiety and uneasiness till we receive some certain accounts from your Honour &ca. concerning a Matter of such Consequence and Moment, The apprehensions We are under that the disturbed situation of affairs at Bengall may prevent our receiving the supplies we are so much distress'd for still longer (as We cannot but impute our not having yet receiv'd them to that Cause) obliges Us to take this Opportunity of representing to you that unless a Vessell is dispatch'd to Us immediately on the receipt of these advices, Our Master's Concerns on this Coast will in all likelihood be in a most precarious and desperate footing; as We have neither Rice or Salt sufficient in our Godowns here for the ensuing Month's Consumption, when We shall be obliged to depend for the former on what We may be able to purchase from the Malays, who will no doubt take advantage of our Distress which will be impossible for Us to conceal, and how

far they may carry a Point of that kind cannot be judged, but the worst is to be feared from a People of their Principles. Our situation is by so much the worse having no Vessell of any kind to send to Batavia for procuring supplies from thence, though so good an Opinion have We of our Friends and allies the Dutch that We are of opinion the greater our distress, the less would be the probability of meeting with any Assistance at their hands; We have not twenty Barrels of Gun powder in Garrison fit for service on any Emergency; The Moco Moco Pepper Planters cannot We fear be kept in humour without their stipulated share of Long Cloth white in part payment for their Pepper of which We have none left, neither can any be procured from Private hands, in short our wants are so general that they cannot well be enumerated here. We think it likewise proper to observe to you that by having only one ship for pepper here last season which took away but little above five hundred Tons We shall be put to great streights for Godown Room to lodge the expected season's Crop in unless your Honour &c^a^. should think proper to order One of the ships bound for China this year to call here for two hundred and fifty or three hundred Tons for that Market or make some Provision for taking that Quantity away, exclusive of which We reckon on having seven hundred Tons on hand by the latter end of January next. Our stock of Cash also (considering our present situation especially) we think is much too large as it far exceeds any demands that We can possibly have for it of which We compute We can well spare from twenty five to thirty thousand Pounds when a safe Conveyance offers of forwarding it to Your Honour &c^a^. and We shall receive your directions for so doing; The Oxford storeship did not arrive here till the sixth of November last, and it was the 4^th^. Ultimo before she sailed for England, but We hope she will be in time to save her Passage round the Cape this season.

We are very respectfully,
HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS
Your most obed^t^. and most humble Serv^ts^.
JOHN PYBUS.
JOSEPH GUNN.
JOSEPH DARVALL.

FORT MARLBRO
THE 21^ST^. APRIL 1757.

## N^o^. 98.

TO THE HON^BLE^ GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^A^. COUNCIL OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS

We wrote you under date the 21^st^. Ult^o^. by a small Vessell bound for Nattal, in hopes of its being expeditiously forwarded to you from thence, advising chiefly of our extreme distress for all kinds of supplies which we flatter Ourselves we shall be furnished with the first Opportunity.

We send this to be forwarded likewise from Nattall, the purport of which is chiefly to inform you that by a small vessell importing here from Batavia the 28^th^. Ultimo, we learn, that there had been two French Men of War of seventy five and sixty five Guns, cruizing for some time in the Streights of Sunda, for our outward and homeward bound shipping. That the Grampus Tender sent to Batavia for Arrack, and sugar for the squadron had made two attempts to get away, but being chased by the above mention'd vessells was obliged to return, and narrowly escaped falling into their hands; That the Caernarvon Captain Norton Hutchinson having lost his passage for China, last year was lying at Batavia; That He (Captain Hutchinson) had fitted out his Long Boat, and named her with his second Officer, and nine People, to ply towards the Mouth of the streights for giving intelligence to any English Vessells that might be coming that way, of the two French Men of War; but that she had unluckily fallen into their hands.

The Vessell which brought Us these Advices left Batavia the 8th. Ultimo, and fell down the streights under Dutch Colours, in company with a Dutch Company's ship bound for Persia, when they saw nothing of the French ships neither could the Master give Us any certain Account where they were when he left Batavia, as they had not been seen or heard of there for some days before.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient & most humble Servts.

John Pybus.
Joseph Gunn.
Joseph Darvall.

Fort Marlbro
the 6th. May 1757.

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**No. 99.**

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We address'd you under date of the 21st. Ulto. & 6th. Instant by the way of Nattal; but it being very doubtfull whither our advices would meet with a favourable dispatch from thence, which our present distress'd situation absolutely requires, we came to a Resolution to send this sloop to you, which (as We were greatly in want in Vessells) We purchas'd on the Company's account since We wrote you last.

By this Opportunity we now write to you again to represent to you our extreme distress for supplies of all kinds; for further accounts of which we beg leave to refer you to our Indent by the Hartop, and also to our Letters under date of the 17th. July 1756, and the 21st. Ultimo, duplicates of which, together with a duplicate of our Letter of the 6th. Instant, we transmit to you by this Packet.

It will be scarce possible for our Military & Slaves to subsist much longer, unless We are speedily supplied with Rice, for the Country will not furnish Us with a sufficiency of this Article, especially as We have no salt to induce the Malays to bring their Rice Down, which however would not procure enough for our subsistance. As affairs stand between the Dutch and Us We have but little hopes of assistance from Batavia, but that We might not neglect any Method in our Power of preserving this Settlement, We have wrote to Mr. Peter Garden to procure supplies of both; but as it is very precarious whether We shall receive any from Batavia or not We earnestly request that Your Honr. &ca. will send Us 50 fifty Coyans of Rice and 60 sixty Coyans of salt as soon as possible, and that we may hereafter be annually supplied with 50 fifty Coyans, or about 35 thirty five Garce of Rice at least and We beg leave to observe that a less Quantity will not be sufficient for the subsistance of the Settlement.

We have no Long Cloth white at all, the want of which will very probably, if it continues prove very prejudicial to the Investment, in Arrack Soongy and very possibly be productive of further ill Consequences, We therefore beg that We may be speedily supplied with 30 thirty Bales at least of this necessary Commodity for present Consumption, and as our Honourable Masters have positively enjoin'd Us to indent for so many Bales of Long Cloth white, that two years Consumption may be always on hand, that their Investment may not suffer in case of a Miscarriage, We desire also that a further supply of sixty Bales at least of this very requisite article may be sent to Us by the same Conveyance, if possible.

As We cannot well do without small Money We request you will send Us $ 8000 Eight Thousand dollars of Fanams, and $ 1000 Oen thousand dollars of Copper Cash. We are afraid that unless We are sufficiently supplied with small Money, it may prove of some Prejudice to the Investment, as 'tis scarce possible, without it, to pay the Planters for their Pepper, and the Chiefs their Customs.

The wretched defenceless state of this Settlement scarcely, if at all, in a condition to protect itself even against a Country Enemy obliges Us to request that you will take the affair into your most serious Consideration, as the Consequence of it may sooner than perhaps we are aware of, prove fatal to the whole Coast. We refer you Honr. &ca. to our Letter by the Hartop for what we have wrote to you on this subject, and as the Settlement is so extremely ill provided with warlike Stores, We beg that our Indent by that Vessell for such stores may be speedily and fully complied with We sent you by this Packet a List of all the warlikestores now in Garrison, together with an account of the Number of effective private Men; the bare Perusal of this List will We presume sufficiently evince our present distress As our Garrison consists of about 91 effective Private Men including the Train, and as We shall not probably be supplied with a sufficient Number of Recruits by the storeship, We flatter Ourselves that Your Honr. &ca. will send Us a Reinforcement by the first Conveyance, as also a supply of arms, and at least two hundred Barrels of good Powder which We are in the utmost want of.

Our Honourable Masters have again directed us to apply to you for an Engineer, and also for artificers, such as Masons, Bricklayers, & ship Carpenters, We shall only say that We have an immediate and absolute Occasion for their Assistance.

Having fully represented to your Honr. &ca. in our Letter by the Hartop our want of Vessells, We assure ourselves that We need not say more on that point. to induce your Compliance with our Request. As We shall have very pressing occasions for the services of the Marlbro Sloop now sent over to you, especially as the Mary Sloop is out of repair, and We have no ship carpenter, for these reasons We earnestly desire that she may be dispatch'd back to Us as expeditiously as possible.

The Settlement being greatly in want of Lascars We have sent our Syrang to your Coast by this Vessell to procure Us to the Number of Fifty, and as an encouragement to him to exert himself in this necessary Business, We have agreed to give him a reward of $ 5 five dollars for every Man he brings with him; and We request that Your Honr. &ca. will be pleas'd to favour Us with your assistance in the affair.

Oz dwts.

We have Consign'd to you by this Sloop 441 9 of Gold, 4308 Gallons of

(+) lb.

Arrack, and 150. 125 of sugar as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading; and We flatter ourselves that this Consignment will meet with your approbation.

We compute that We shall have by the latter end of January about 600 six hundred Tons of surplus Pepper, and should no ships be sent hither for it, We shall be extremely embarrass'd for want of Godown room, and greatly at a Loss how to secure it; but We hope however that We shall have the satisfaction of shipping it all off within that time.

As we could not possibly send you the several Books & Papers of this Settlement by this Opportunity, we transmit you in this exigence; only a Copy of our advices to England by the Oxford, which exhibits an accot. of our Transactions from the Hartops dispatch to her departure for further Particulars We beg your permission to refer you to John Pybus Esqr.

Conformable to the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors in their Letter to Us by the Oxford, and in consequence of the Opinion of the Board thereon, the worshipfull John Pybus Esqr. takes passage for Fort St. George by this

Conveyance which as it occasions a Vaccancy, We purpose to advise Mr. Randolph Marriette now at Nattal very speedily thereof, who succeeds thereto in consequence of the Orders We have receiv'd from Our Honble Masters in the said Letter relating to Vacancies.

We have the satisfaction to acquaint you that We are in Peace and Tranquility.

We are very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. & most humble Servants

Fort Marlbro
the 27th. May 1757.

John Pybus.
Joseph Gunn.
Richd. Wyatt.
Joseph Darvall.
Wm. Norris.

List of Papers contain'd in the Fort Marlborough Box Packet for Fort St. George ℔ Sloop Marlbrô.

1 General Letter to the Honble the President & Council dated the 27th. day of May 1757.
2 Duplicate Genl. Letter to Do. Viâ Nattal dated 6th. May 1757.
3 Duplicate Genl. Letter to do. do. dated 21st. April 1757.
4 Copy of Mr. Hall's Letter to Mr. Marriette, dated the 27th. March 1757 enclosed in the preceding.
5 Copy Genl. Letter to the Honble the Court of Directors ℔ Oxford, dated the 27th. February 1757.
6 Duplicate Genl. Letter to the Honble the Presidt. & Council of Fort St George ℔ Hartop Snow, dated 17th. July 1756.
7 Copy of Captain Alexander Sherrard's dispatch.
8 Invoice of sundries laden on the sloop Marlbrô.
9 Bill of Lading for sundries laden on Board Do.
10 Copy List of Ammunition, Guns, Gun Carriages, and Warlike Stores of all kinds now in garrison, together with the number of effective men, sign'd by the Commanders of the Military and Train, dated the 9th. May 1757.
11 List of Papers contain'd in the Fort Marlbrough Box Packet for Fort St. George ℔ Hartop Snow, dated the 17th. July 1756.
12 List of Books contain'd in ditto ℔ ditto, dated 17th. July 1756.
13 List of Papers in the Fort Marlborough Box Packet for Fort St. George ℔ Sloop Marlborough.

Fort Marlbrough
the 27th. day of May 1757.

John Gayer,
*Secretary.*

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No. 100.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd your Favour of the 30th. Ultimo. Our last Address to your Honour &ca. bore date the 31st. Ultimo duplicate of which We now inclose and this serves to give cover to a Packet, for the Honble President and

Council of Bombay which we desire you will forward immediately on its arrival.

We are with Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. Servants
J. SPENCER.
CECIL BOWYER.
ARTHUR KING.
H. MOORE.

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30TH. JUNE 17..

**No. 101.**

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have rece'd your favours of the 3d. and 17th. the Sundries ℔ Ships Mahomudy & Revenge, and Sloop Dragon, turn'd out agreable to Invoice, the stores for Deve Cotah were duely forwarded.

This waits on you by the sloop Dragon and We have laden on her the four 18 pounder and two 24 pounder Gun Carriages you wrote for Invoice for which comes enclosed, likewise for 944 shott 12 pounders sent by ship Revenge.

We also forward you an account Remains of Military stores, with a Letter and sundry Papers delivered in by the Military Storekeeper to which We wait your Honr. &ca's. directions.

We are with Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. Humble Servants
ALEXR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
ROBT. SLOPER.
ANDW. NEWTON.

FORT ST. DAVID
30TH. JULY 1757.

**No. 102.**

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last address waited on you his Majesty's Ship Triton, and Yours of the 27th. May, reached us the 1st. Instant.

Agreable to your Honr. &ca's. request We shall endeavour to contract with the Owners of any Vessells which may proceed hence for Madagascar to deliver Us slaves for your Settlements on the West Coast, thô We have but little hopes of Success, however as We have some males who were brought here on the Swallow in the year 1753, and We intend sending the Fort William Schooner to your Place, in her way to the Bay We shall furnish your Honour &ca. with as many as she may be able to carry, towards the Close of this Month.

Having called on Captain Scott in regard to his detaining the King of Achein's ship he has delivered Us Copy of the Agreement with him, which We inclose for your Honour &ca's. notice, and in which you will remark it was stipulated that if she was so disabled on her arrival here as not to be in

condition to return, as Captain Scott declares, happened to be the Case, he was obliged to invest her value in Goods, because He says the King would not be at any expence in repairing Her, but as Her [*sic*] represents that he has had no Opportunity of complying therewith, We shall oblige Him to give security, for discharging his debt to the King, on his delivering up Captain Scot's Bond, which your Honour &c^a^. will please to signifie to him.

We desire you will forward the accompanying Packet for the Hon^ble^ the Court of Directors, by the first Opport^y^unity, and are

HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants
RICH^D^. BOURCHIER.
CHA^S^. CROMMELIN.
JAMES FOULIS.
... ...
GEORGE SCOTT.
J^S^. BYFIELD.
W^M^. HORNBY.

BOMBAY CASTLE
5^TH^. JULY 1757.

ACHEEN, THE 20^TH^. DECEMBER, 1755.

This is to certify whom it may concern that (on my Request) the King of Acheen has lent Me a sloop to carry over Goods to Bombay, (not having room on the ship Triton to contain them) on the following Conditions Viz^t^. that in case the sloop should be lost, taken or burnt, or by any means disabled from being brought back, & delivered to the King of Acheen, or Nokody Purwan, or any other of the King's Ministers that may be appointed to receive her, to pay for her the sum of two Catty and five Boncalls of Gold, the whole Risque of the said sloop from the Port of Acheen to the Port of Bombay on Myself; and further I, by these Presents agree and promise to concern the King of Acheen one half of her returning Cargoe from Bombay to Acheen, as far as the amount of Eighteen Catty of Gold, in consideration of which the King of Acheen is to pay the half of all Charges, Customs, Respondentia, Wages, Ware and Fare of the said Sloop from Bombay to Acheen, as also of all charges that may be incurr'd at Acheen till and on the sale of her returning Cargoe, as also to run the half of the Risque of the seas, Fire, and Enemy &c^a^. from Bombay to Acheen; that in case of her being lost in her Passage, the King to pay half the loss of her Cargoe, with exporting Charges, and I pay One Catty, two Boncalls, and eight Matum of Gold, being the half of the Value set on the said Sloop, in case she be not brought back to Acheen; But in case, after her arrival at Bombay, the said sloop shou'd prove so disabled as not to be able to return to Acheen, or proceed for the Voyage, then I am to pay for her, two Catty, and five Boncalls of Gold and all other obligations to be void, and in case the said sloop should not be able to proceed from Bombay to Acheen then I am to invest the sum of two Catty and five Boncalls of Gold, in Goods, and remit to Acheen by the first Conveyance.

But on further Consideration it is hereby agreed upon (by the Consent of Nokody Purwan) that the returning Cargoe of the S^d^. sloop shall only amount to fourteen Catty of Gold, One half of the said fourteen Catty of Gold to be on account of the King of Acheen & Nokody Purwan, the Charges and Risque to continue as abovementioned.

A true Copy.

DAN^L^. DRAPER.
*Sec*.

## N°. 103.

To the Hon^ble George Pigot Esq^r.
President & Governour &c^a. Council at Fort S^t. George.

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

The accompanying is duplicate of our address under the 5th. Instant agreable to which, We now order the Fort William schooner to your Place, in her way to Bengall, having embarked seven slaves and Provisions for their Passage amount^g. as ℔ Enclosed account to Rupees 236–1–12, after landing of which the Commander has our Orders for his further procedure.

By the Viper Ketch which returned a few days since from Gombroon, the Agent writes Us, Captain Norton Hutchinson of the Caernarvon, who had lost his passage to China and been obliged to bear away for Batavia, after having gain'd the Coast of Luconia to the Latitude 16° 30' North, had advised him under the 2nd. of April that Our Hon^ble Master's ships Houghton, Suffolk, and Godolphin bound home from China had fortunately escaped a French sixty four Gun ship cruizing in Thawrt the way, but that she had intercepted his Long Boat sent to deliver Letters on board the above ships, and likewise chased the Grampus Tender, belonging to Admiral Watson, and the Ghereah Ketch back to Batavia.

We enclose two Packets for the Hon^ble the Court of Directors, the Original of which We desire your Hon^r. &c^a. will forward by the first Conveyance, and keep the other till a second offers.

We are
Hon^ble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servants
Rich^d. Bourchier.
Cha^s. Crommelin.
James Foulis.
W^m. Sedgewicke.
George Scott.
J^s. Byfield.
W^m. Hornby.
J^s. Whitehill.
Sam. Hough.

Bombay Castle
17th. July 1757.

## N°. 104.

To the Hon^ble George Pigott Esq^r.
President and Governour &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

This will advise you of my arrival here a few days past upon Parole, being from the 11th. to the 18th. Prisoners at Yanam. Nellipillee was invested the 1st. by the French, who were upon the Island ten days, before they summon'd it to surrender which I was obliged to do, having no Match, and but half a Barrel of Gun Powder left I would have made Terms, but could not get them to listen to any, but that of delivering up the Place, and submitting Prisoners of War. The Bandarmalanka detachment in coming to my assistance were likewise made Prisoners and are now at Metchlepatam, with those of Nellipellee. A Report had prevail'd for ten days before they came against Me, that Bussy had been defeated by Narrandus's Brother, and that M^r. Law who was then at Rajahmundrum was going with all expedition to his assistance, under this Pretence they carried on their design, in preparing every thing with such secrecy that few or none knew any thing of their Intention till they were within a few Hour's March of Yanam. The Peons I had sent into their Camp, I believe were seiz'd for I have neither seen or heard any thing of

them since which doubtless prevented me from hearing of their design but when I did, not a Moment was lost in securing the Company's effects in the best manner I cou'd with what few of the Inhabitants that was left, which were very few indeed for on the first alarm they left their houses. The company's Books and Papers I secured under my own name at Cokinarra, and twenty seven Bales of Cloth, I got on board the Vessell laying at Coringa, which arriv'd after a Narrow Escape safe here. The Remainder 57 Corge of Cloth was lost with the Place, their being neither Cooleys or doneys to be got, upon any Consideration whatever, and by this time the Enemy had got Intelligence of my securing my effects which to put a stop to a Party was ordered to Yanam, which very effectually did it being not further from Us than 1300 yards, and to dislodge them was not in our power to do, had We heard of Hostilities being Committed, which We were intirely ignorant of, till three days afterwards; The Enemy when the Place was delivered up, I found to be very strong and numerous, there being upward of four hundred Europeans, Fifteen hundred seapoys, twelve Pieces of Cannon and Two Mortars. Whilst We were treating with them twenty of our Sea Poys with their sentrys went out at one of our Embrasures to the Enemy, so that I'll leave your Honour &c^a^. to judge of the situation I must be in when I surrendered the Place; I have been the more particular in this Relation than I would otherwise, to shew Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. that nothing was wanting in my power to save the Company's Effects, and am with the greatest esteem

Hon^ble^ Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servant
John Calland.

Vizagapatam
26^th^. May 1757.

*P.S.*—I wrote your Hon^r^. &c^a^. the 1^st^. Instant, with Journal Parcels, and Cash Account for the last Month, which I hope came safe to hand.

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N^o^. 105.

To the Hon^ble^ George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hon^ble^ Sir & Sirs

This being the first Opportunity I have had of writing with any probability of its coming to your hands, I now enclose your Honour &c^a^. my accounts, as likewise duplicate of my Letter of the 26^th^. May Via Bengall. Much time having elapsed since the declaration of War and no hostilities committed by the French, Messieurs Percival and Andrews persuing their Investments. I should have thought Myself blameable had I remain'd inactive, especially after I receiv'd your Honour &c^a's^. Orders for the abatements, which I brought the Merchants to comply with; I am only sorry the stroke was so sudden as to prevent Me shipping off more than I did, but the Place was surrounded almost by the time I knew of their Motion, and before I knew the Occasion Your Honour &c^a^. will be pleased to observe that the Expences for part of March, all April and May are included, in the account, the am^t^. being in my favour seven thous^d^. three hundred and fifteen Pagodas, seven fanams, and sixty six cash (7315–7–66) which you will be pleased to pay unto Mess^rs^. Westcott and Bourchier; the greatest part I have borrow'd, as well to pay the Merchants, as defray the charges of the Place, which is running at Interest, and of which I shall give your Honour &c^a^. the account hereafter; In the mean time, I am to request that you will be pleas'd to pay the above sum, as soon as conveniently you can, that the amount of the Interest may not swell the account. I find I have been guilty of a Mistake with regard to the quantity of Cloth, that was in the Place when taken, instead of 57 Corge; it should be Cor: 69:16 which difference arises from an account of Cloth since given Me

which at that time I had not, and must assure Your Honour &ca. that not a Price is charged, but what was really lost in the Place, and am with the most profound Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. Servant

John Calland.

Madepollam
15th. July 1757.

## No. 106.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last address was under the 8th. of May, but we have not been favoured with a Letter from your Honour &ca. since that bearing date the 3rd. February This serves purposely to request your Care of the accompanying Packet for Bombay which We desire may be forwarded with as much Expedition as possible.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. humble Servants
Thos. Hodges.
Titus Scott.
Thos. Satchwell.
H. Johnson.

Tellicherry
1st. August 1757.

## No. 107.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed you will receive a duplicate of our Letter of the 9th. Instant, accompanying Our Consultations and Monthly Accounts for June, which the Cattamaran People were obliged to throw into the sea upon being persued by the French off Pondicherry.

We are with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Alexr. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robt. Sloper.
Andw. Newton.

Fort St. David
15th. August 1757.

## No. 108.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our Consultations and Monthly Accts. for June now wait on you.

The Trevendeporum Renters have delivered Us fifty Garce of Paddy agreable to their Cowle, and We wait your directions whether they are to be credited for it, or the Presidency.

Bowania's Ballance being reduced to Nine Hundred (900) Pagodas he has requested an advance, but We have been obliged to put him off, as our Cash is now but ten thousand fifty one (10,051) Pagodas, and forty two thousand, five hundred and seventy Eight (42578) Rupees, and We do not esteem it prudent to make any advance till We receive a supply from Your Honour &ca.

We are with Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID
9TH. AUGUST 1757.

ALEXR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
ROBT. SLOPER.
ANDW. NETWON.

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**No. 109.**

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This waits on your Honour &ca. with my accts. for last Month, the Ballance of which, being six hundred and two Pagodas, I beg the favour that you will be pleased to pay it to Messrs. Du Pre' and Alexander.

I am with the greatest Esteem
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient and most obliged
humble Servant

JOHN ANDREWS

MADEPOLLAM
THE AUGUST 1757.

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**No. 110.**

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

We have received your favour of the 14th. and 21st. ℘ Sloops Neptune and Dragon.

The Honourable Companys three Long Boats being thoroughly Repaired We have put them under the charge of Mr. Thomas Forrest Master of the Neptune, and have this day dispatched him to Fort Marlborough directly, as he represented touching at Deve Cotah would be out of his way We have sent the Dragon thither with Captain Preston. Enclos'd your Honour &ca. will Receive an account of the Repairs and Disbursements on the four sloops.

We are with Respect,
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Humble Servants

ALEXR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICHARD FAIRFIELD
ROBERT SLOPER.
ANDREW NEWTON.

FORT ST. DAVID
29TH. AUGUST 1757.

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## N°. 111.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

This waits on your Honour &ca. with the accounts of this Place for this month; I have sent them before the Expiration of the month as well to Embrace the Oppertunity of Mr. Calland going as because I believe I shall leave this Place for Bengal in a few Days with Mr. Dolben Mr. Maule &ca. The Money that has been Expended on account of Repairs here, has been for the Preservation of the House and for the securing Our Bounds The Ballance of Cash in my Favour being Pagodas (828–3–65) Eight hundred twenty Eight three Fanams sixty five cash, I must Request your Honour &ca. will be pleased to Pay to Mr. Du Pre' I should have been very Glad to have Received the Warehousekeeper's account that I might have Ballanced the Books before I left this Place.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient and most obliged humble. Servant

John Andrews.

Madepollam
the 23d. August 1757.

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## N°. 112.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.
Honourable Sir & Sirs

The Tryal Sloop Samuel Elliot master arrived here Yesterday from Fort Marlbrough with a Packet for your Honour &ca. and a Letter to us directing that in case of any Danger We could open it and take such measures with it and the Vessell as We should judge proper. We did intend to have dispatch'd her to you this day and had requested Captain Townly to convoy her past Pondicherry, but the appearance of the French Fleet this morning consisting of Ten Sail has obliged us to alter our measures, the Tryton & Revenge having stood to sea with an Intent as We hope to acquaint you of their arrival, We therefore not esteeming it safe to keep the sloop here, now dispatch her to your Honour &ca. with a copy of the General Letter from Fort Marlbrough, copy of a Letter from Captain Jackson to the Deputy Governour &ca. Council there and copy of Captain Elliot's Sailing Orders, being the most material Papers, the rest being only Duplicates of the Packet ℔ sloop Marlbrough, which shall wait on you by the first safe conveyance, We have Ordered Captain Elliot to stand out as far to the Eastward as he can, and not to make the Land till he is near the Lattitude of Madrass so that We hope he will escape the Enemy. When the Fleet first appeared in sight imagining them to be our Squadron, Mr. Newton was sent off to cmpliment the Commodore, and is carried to Pondicherry, all the ships now at an anchor there.

We are with Respect
Honourable Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Alexander Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richard Fairfield.

Fort St. David
8th. September 1757.

## No. 113.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.

President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

We address'd you Last ℘ the sloop Marlborough under date the 27th. May, and We hope she is before this arrived. The Worshipful Randolph Marriott Esqr. arrived here from Natall the 10th. Ultimo who left that Settlement in peace & queitness, the new Resident Mr. Richard Wyatt will proceed thither in a few days to take upon him the charge of that Residency. The Grampus Tender Captain Robert Jackson Imported here from Batavia the 29th. Ultimo in a very leaky condition who immediately address'd the Board, Demanding our assistance in procuring him a Vessell to advice you of his distress'd situation with all speed, a copy of his Letter comes under cover. As this appear'd to us of too much consequence to be neglected, and our compliance In this pensably [*sic*] Required, We have purposely Hired the Tryal sloop on this occasion, and the easiest and best terms we could possibly make with the Owners is to pay them the sum of ℘ [*sic*] 100 ℘ mensem exclusive of supplying the vessell with provisions and paying the wages of the master, and the people belonging to Her. The owners are to stand to all risque of the seas &cea. unless she is taken by the Enemy in which case We have agreed to pay the owners the sum of 800 ℘ [*sic*] besides what may become due as hire till then. Inclosed We Transmit you copys of our several late advices to your Honour &ca. to which we Refer you for our account of our forlorn situation, & assure ourselves that you will send us a speedy Relief. Having great Reason to apprehend by the advices We have lately Received from Batavia, that We shall not Receive any Recruits of Military by the storeship We must therefore earnestly Request that your Honour &ca. will be pleased to send us a supply by the very first oppertunity as the safety of the Settlement depends upon a Reinforcement, for our present Garrison is very small & utterly insufficient for the Defence of this Settlement, even against the natives, which as they cannot but know, it may prompt them to atack Us, especially as they are a good deal disgusted for want of supplys of Salt and Cloth. We have only about 50 fifty Effective private men in both Companys and We are in want of as many as will compleat two full Companys. We have no manner of Expectation of any supplys of Rice, Salt, or Gun Powder from Batavia Mr. Garden having declained complying with our Request to him, and intimated to us that it was not in his Power to procure any of those articles; We can only therefore depend on your Honour &ca. for assistance & flatter ourselves that you will send us ample supplys, & comply fully with our several Requests & Indents by the Hartop & sloop Marlborough. As we hope soon to have an oppertunity of addressing Your Honour &ca. again we shall conclude for the present with acquainting you that the country continues in peace & Tranquility and are Respectfully,

Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most humble Servants

Randolph Marriott.
Joseph Gunn.
Richard Wyatt.
William Norris.
Robert Hay.

Fort Marlborough
the 8th. August 1757.

*P.S.*—Inclosed comes a Copy of the Captains Dispatch the Reason why we directed him to Touch at Fort St. David was at the Request of Captain Robert Jackson.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL RANDOLPH MARRIOTT ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT MARLBOROUGH.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS

Having been obliged to put into this place in Distress in the Grampus Tender with provisions and stores for his Majesty's Fleet, under the Command of Rear Admiral Watson, Commander in Chief In India & being so very Leaky that I can scarce keep the ship free, that it is impossible for me to proceed on my voyage, without the Greatest and utmost Consequence for Admiral Watson to know of my present situation, That I do hereby Request it of you to get or Order me a Vessell to forward advices to him and the Honourable George Pigot Esqr. President and Governr. of Fort St. George, of my present situation with ye. utmost Dispatch, and that you'll please to Order me what assistance possible you can, to get the Grampus Tender into the Harbour of Pooloo, that she may be more out of Danger here, then lying in an open Road, which I hope will be complyed with.

I am
WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servant
ROBERT JACKSON.

FORT MARLBOROUGH
THE 30TH. JULY 1757.

The above is a true copy.

JOHN GAYER.
*Secrety.*

LIST OF PAPERS CONTAINED IN THE FORT MARLBOROUGH
PACKET FOR FORT ST. GEORGE ℔ SLOOP TRYAL.

1 General Letter to the Honourable the President & Council of Fort St. George dated the 8th. day of Augst. 1757.
2 Duplicate General Letter to Do. ℔ sloop Marlborough dated the 27th. May 1757.
3 Copy General Letter .. to Do. via Natall dated the 6th. May 1757.
4 Copy Dittoo .. to Do. via Natall dated the 21st. April 1757.
5 Copy Mr. Halls Letter to Mr. Marriott dated the 27 March 1757, Inclosed in the Proceeding.
6 Copy Captain Jackson's Letter to the Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort Marlborough dated the 30th. July 1757.
7 Copy of Captain Samuel Elliott's Dispatch.
8 Copy List of Papers contained in the Fort Marlborough Box packet for Fort St. George ℔ sloop Marlborough dated the 27th. May 1757.
9 List of Papers in the Fort Marlborough Packet for Fort St. George ℔ sloop Tryall.

FORT MARLBOROUGH THE 8TH. AUGUST 1757.

JOHN GAYER,
*Secrery.*

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No. 114.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

Our last address waited on you, by the Fort William Schooner, and We were yesterday favoured with your Honour &ca's. Letter of the 28th. June. enclosing a Packet from the Gentlemen at Anjengo. This is forwarded by

some of your returning Pattamars, and have only to desire, your Honour &ca. will transmit the accompanying Packet, by the First conveyance to the Bay.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants

RICHARD BOURCHIER
CHARLES CROMMELLIN.
JAMES FOULIS.
WILLIAM SEDGWICK.
GEORGE SCOTT.
... ... ...
WILLIAM HORNBY.
Js. WHITEHILL.
SAMUEL HOUGH

BOMBAY CASTLE
5TH. AUGUST 1757.

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**No. 115.**

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF MADRAS.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

Our last Address was under the 1st. Instant, duplicate of which is enclosed, and this is dispatch'd express to advise your Honour &ca. that three days ago two Ships appear'd off this Port under Portugueeze Colours standing to the southward, upon which a Toney was sent off to them, and brought ashore a Letter from one of their Commanders in Portugueeze, but by their landing a Sick Officer at Mahie, and from some other circumstances we are in no Doubt of their being French Vessels. They were again seen off this Port the day before yesterday in the Evening; and much about the same time seven other ships were reported to be coming from the Northward; and Yesterday morning nine sail were seen together standing to the southward, and all disappearing at about eleven o clock we conclude they have made the best of their way to your Coast. Our Remains in Warehouse of Pepper is three thousand five hundred & nine Candys nine maunds & fourteen pounds (3509–9–14).

We are
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants

THOMAS HODGES.
TITUS SCOTT.
THOMAS SATCHWELL
HENRY JOHNSON.

TELLICHERRY
28TH. AUGUST 1757.

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**No. 116.**

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote you the 8th. ℔ Tryal Sloop accompanying Copy of the General Letter from Fort Marlborough Copy of a Letter from Captain Jackson & Copy of Captain Elliot's Sailing Orders, which we hope are safe arrived but for fear of miscarriage inclose you Duplicate copies of them, We also send you the

List of the Packet ℔ Tryall and shall keep the remaining papers 'till We receive your Honour &c[a]. directions as We apprehend you have received copys of them by the Marlborough sloop.

We also transmit you copy of a protest from the Governour and Council of Negapatam relating to the Grab Charlotta. We have wrote them that We could give no answer to it, but should transmit it to our superiours. We acquainted you in our Letter of the 8th. that Mr. Newton was carried Prisoner to Pondicherry by the French Fleet, since which he is returned upon his Parole. Copy of which he has transmitted the President and We must request your Honour &c[a]. will acquaint Us how far this will affect Mr. Newton's acting in his Employ. We have this day drawn on you the following Bills; in favour of Messrs. Walsh & Vansittart for Pagodas one thousand five hundred (1500) Pagodas value Received into cash here of Alexander Wynch Esqr. in favour of Mr. Dawsonne Drake for Two thousand Seventy four Pagodas (2074) value received of himself; in favour of Mr. John Call for One thousand four hundred sixty Eight Pagodas Fifteen Fanams and fifty two cash 1468–15–52 value received of Mr. Andrew Newton.

We are with Respect,
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants

ALEXANDER WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICHARD FAIRFIELD.
ROBERT SLOPER.

FORT ST. DAVID
12TH. SEPTEMBER 1757.

STEVEN VERMONT Governour and director to the Honourable Hollands East India Company on this Coast CORMANDEL, and the further Council of NEGAPATAM representing the United Netherland Company of Directors at BATAVIA.

TO THE HONOURABLE ALEXANDER WYNCH Governour to the Right Honourable English East India Company and his Council at FORT SAINT DAVID.

Some time past two Men of War being of intention, to take out of this Road the GRABB named CHARLOTTA we sent the Captain of ship TRITON a Letter and further papers, protesting against such proceedings &c[a]. (as mentioned Vessel was hired, and Loaded by our Gentlemen at SURATTA, and not by the French) desiring him not to medle with the said vessel as she came here with a good Dutch Pass and Colours, on the reception of which the said two ships depart'd from hence without molesting the GRABB But at present we understand that your ships have taken the said vessel in her passage to BENGAL and keep her there, which is against all Friendship and nuterallity of his BRITISH MAJESTY, and the States General of the United Netherlands (which ought to be preserved) as the said vessel left this port with a Good pass, for which reason we PROTEST against all such proceedings in the name of the General united netherlands East India Company and leave all Losses and Damages that may happen, for your Account.

ACTUM in the CASTLE of NEGAPATANAM the 5th. SEPTEMBER ANNO 1757.
TRANSLATED FROM THE DUTCH.

MADRASSPATNAM.

## N°. 117.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esq^R^.
President & Governour of Fort S^T^. George
And the Coast of Choromandel &c^A^. &c^A^. &c^A^.
On behalf of the Honourable Royal English
East India Company and to the Council there.

Honourable Sir and Worthy Friends

This serves only to enclose a packet of Papers wrote by the Right Honourable the high Regency of India at Batavia to M^r^. Charles Watson Rear Admiral and Commander of the Squadron of ships belonging to his Majesty the King of Great Britain, which in all Friendships we desire may be forwarded to him whereby you will bind us to a return of equal service, for the rest We have the Honour to be with much Consideration.

Hon^ble^ Sir and Worthy Friends

Your most Faithfull Friends and Honble Servants

Steven Vermont.
J. V^N^. Teylingen.
D^D^. C^D^. Vick.
Anth^Y^. Bonk.
Ch: Van: Te ylingen.
B^S^. Gevel.
P^R^. Looman.
J.D. Severin.
Corn^S^. Pieteroz.
J. Verschuylenburgh.
J^BS^. L^O^. Topander.

Negapatam in the Castle
9 September 1757.

## N°. 118.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esq^R^.
President and Governour &c^A^. Council of Fort S^T^. George.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

We now transmit you an account of the Stores and Provisions delivered and Disbursements on the Honourable Company's Ship Revenge. Captain James went away in too great a hurry to sign a general Receipt, but the Storekeeper has the proper officer's receipts for every thing delivered.

Our Consultations and monthly Accounts are ready, but We do not esteem it prudent to risque them at this time.

We are with Respect
Hon^ble^ Sir and Sirs
Your most obedient Humble Servants

Hugh Norris.
Alexander Wynch.
Richard Fairfield.
... ... ...
Andrew Newton.

Fort S^T^. David
28^TH^. September 1757.

## N°. 119.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esq^R^.
President and Governour &c^A^. Council of Madrass.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

Our last address was under the 28^th^. Ultimo, advising of nine sail of French ships passing by this port the day before bound to the Southward, and this is forwarded express to acquaint your Honour &c^a^. that by private advices from Anjengo we are informed that eleven ships were seen off Calliquilone the 30^th^. steering the same course, and that we have just now received

certain news that Twelve sail of ships, taken to be French, appeared off Goa the 26th. Ultimo, going to the Northward, which we wish may not Prove another squadron. We are likewise further advised that a small French Vessel from the Mauritias bound to Palla, as they gave out, put into Goa about the same time. We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
20 SEPTEMBER 1757.

THOMAS HODGES.
TITUS SCOTT.
THOMAS SATCHWELL.
HENRY JOHNSON.

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**No. 120.**

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

We have received your several Letters of the 28th. May ₰ Arcot snow, the 30th. May ₰ Protector the 18th. of June ₰ Marlbro. and the 30th. June ₰ Betsey Ketch. The last enclosing a packet from the President and Council at Bombay. The Arcot snow was sold at Publick Outcry the 21st. Ultimo for C. Rs. 1600 which sum we shall give your Presidency Credit for, and debit you for Captain Bib's Bill of Disbursements, and Wages amounting to A. Rs. 1298– – The Copper you sent us on the Protector has turned out short in Weight Mds. 18–35–4 That sent us ₰ Marlbro is not yet weigh'd off; should any of our Country ships proceed this season to the Coast of Africa, we shall endeavour to contract for as many slaves as they are Willing to bring; tho' we imagine the War with France will deter our ships from making that Voyage.

By the Marlbro we received the Disagreeable news of the Loss of Vizagapatam which was taken on the 26th. of June by Mons. de Bousse'. In this packet are forwarded several Letters for your Honour &ca. received from Mr. Perceval and his Council at Vizagapatam. In the same packet are some Letters from Mr. Newton provisional Chief on the Island Negraise. That Gentleman having detained the Fort William there for a Guard ship without making any agreement with the Commander, the Owners have applied to us, to request your Honour &ca. will adjust that matter as soon as we know what you think proper to allow them monthly for the Detention, We shall pay her Freight for such time as she is kept there; The President has transmitted Mr. Orme a Bill on George Pigot Esqr. for A Rs. 2000 and likewise informs us that Mr. Pybus has desired Governour Pigot to pay to his Order A Rs. 7205–4– and requesting those sums might be paid into the Company's Treasury at your Presidency, and be received by him at this place, we have consented to it and shall pay him that amount on advice from your Honour &ca. that they have been received by you: Since our last to your Honour &ca. an Extraordinary and fortunate Revolution has been effected in the Government of these provinces, in which the English expound the part of the present Subah. The particulars of this affaire we suppose will be transmitted to your presidency by the Select Committee; it only remains for us to forward a Translate of the Treaty made with Jaffre Aly Khan, by which you will observe the Company are to be paid a very large sum of Money for their Losses. We have already received 32 Lacks of old Sicca Rupees, and are shortly to be paid 16 more. These sums and what will be paid for bills of Exchange will greatly exceed our Occasions for ready Money this year and as we do not think it prudent to encrease the Company's Risque at this settlement which is no way capable of resisting an European Enemy, we request your Honour &ca. will send us no more Money or Bullion till you hear further from us on that subject for which Reason we esteem it improper to give Bills of Exchange on the

Company for money sent down from the other Presidencies to be remitted from hence. Having purchased a parcel of Red wood of the Agents for disposing of the Effects taken at Chandranagore we desire you will send us none of that Article unless upon the Company's ships bound for the Bay. We were in hopes when we last wrote your Honour &c$^{a}$. that it would have been in our Power to have laden the Marlbro' compleatly from this Presidency in September, but the Differences with the late Subah having prevented our getting a sufficient Quantity of Goods ready in Time, we shall be obliged to return her to you to be filled up and finally dispatched for Europe which we suppose to be about the 10$^{th}$. of next month with 4000 Bags of Salt petre and 650 or 700 Bales you will please to take your measures accordingly. We design likewise to send one of this years ships half laden from hence in January to be filled up by your Hon$^{r}$. &c$^{a}$. and imagine we shall be able without Difficulty to dispatch two more fully laden from hence one in December and another in February. The late Director and Council of Chandernagore have been advanced A R$^{s}$. 35000 by us for which they have given Bills on the Council at Pondicherry payable to your Honour &c$^{a}$. Enclosed are the first Bills and Letters of advice We must remark that your Accomptant has invoiced the Copper and Madeira received ꝑ Protector and Marlbro at the prices those articles sold for at your Outcry, notwithstanding they are part of our own Consignments, by which means the profits will be brought to the Credit of your Presidency. As we esteem this very irregular and improper method, we shall in our Books give Account Current London Credit for the whole of the consignment made us last year, and debit your Honour &c$^{a}$. for such part thereof as you have detained. We are sorry you have been pleased to stop the Iron Work for our Gun Carriages, they were wrote for expressly from this place, and sent by the Company for our use, we shall be much in want of them when the new works are compleated, and must therefore desire your Honour &c$^{a}$. will send them down by the first conveyance.

This Sloop is dispatched to your Coast to carry the Intelligence of our present fortunate situation, all communication by Land being cut off. On her we have consign'd you 800 bags of Salt Petre as ꝑ Invoice and bill of Lading enclosed. We request your Honour &c$^{a}$. will return her immediately to us, she being one of our Pilot Sloops.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants
ROGER DRAKE, *Jun$^{r}$.*
RICHARD BECHER.
WILLIAM FRANKLAND.
M. COLLET.
WILLIAM MACKETT.
THOMAS BODDAM.
P. AMYATT.

FORT WILLIAM
11$^{TH}$. AUGUST 1757.

TRANSLATE OF THE Treaty executed by Jaffir Ally Khan.

Wrote in his own Hand.

"I swear by God and the Prophet of God to abide by the Terms of this Treaty while I have Life."

MIR JAFFIR.
MAHMUD CAWN.
BHADR, SERVANT OF.
KING ALUMGEER.

TREATY MADE with the Admiral, and Colonel Clive, Sabut Jung Bhadr, and the other Consellors, and Mr. Drake and Mr. Watts.

FIRST. . . Whatever Articles were agreed upon in the Time of Peace with the Nabob Seraja Dowla, Munsuralmemalee Shah Couli Khan Bhadr Hybut Jung, I agree to and comply with.

SECOND. . . The Enemies of the English are my Enemies whether they be Indian or Europeans.

THIRD. . . All the Effects and Factories belonging to the French in the Provinces of Bengal (Paradise of Nations) and Bahar and Orissa, shall remain in the possession of the English, nor will I ever allow them to settle any more in three Provinces.

FOURTH. . . In consideration of the Losses which the English Company have sustained by the Capture and Plunder of Calcutta by the Nabob and the Charges occasioned by the maintenance of their Forces I will give them one Crore of Rupees.

FIFTH. . . For the Effects plundered from the English Inhabitants of Calcutta, I agree to give fifty Lacks of Rupees.

SIXTH. . . For the Effects plundered from the Jentoos Mussulmen and other subjects of Calcutta, twenty Lacks of Rupees shall be given.

SEVENTH. . . For the Effects plundered from the Armenians Inhabitants of Calcutta I will give the sum of seven Lacks of Rupees The Distribution of the sums allotted the Natives, English Inhabitants Jentoos and Mussulmen shall be left to the Admiral, Collenel Clive Sabut Jung Bhadr, and the rest of the Council to be disposed of by them to whom they think proper.

EIGHT. . . Within the Ditch which surrounds the Borders of Calcutta are Tracts of Land belonging to Sevll. Jamedars besides this I will grant the English Company six hundred Yards without the Ditch.

NINTH. . . All the Land lying to the south of Calcutta as far as Culpee shall be under the Zeminidarry of the English Company, and all the Officers of those parts shall be under their Jurisdictions the Revenues to be paid by them (the Company) in the same manner what other Zemidars [*sic*].

TENTH. . . Whenever I demand the English assistance, I will be at the Charge of the maintenance of their Troops.

ELEVENTH. . . I will not erect any new Fortifications below Hughley near the River Ganges.

TWELFTH. . . As soon as I am established in the Government of the three Provinces the aforesaid sums shall be faithfully paid.

DATED 15th. Ramzan in the fourth Year of the Reign.

(A true Copy)

JOHN COOKE,
*Secry.*

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**No. 121.**

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

Since writing the accompanying Letter have arrived the Prince George, Betsey schooner &ca. with you Letters of the 3d. Instant. Messrs. Amyatt and Fullerton have paid into our Cash for Bills of Exchange on the Company the sum of C Rs. 13310–4–9 being the produce of one Chest of Coal imported ℔ ship Delawar mark'd W B No. 1 the Duty of which they inform us has been

paid at your Presidency; We have however collected it from them here, but shall repay it if your Honour &c^a^. have received that duty It is with greatest concern We are to Inform your Honour &c^a^. that Vice Admiral Watson departed this life this morning of a violent fever.

We are
Honourable Sir and Sirs
Your most obedient Humble Servants

Roger Drake *Jun^r^.*
Rich^d^. Becher.
W^m^. Ffrankland.
M. Collet.
W^m^. Mackett.
P. Amyatt.

Fort William
the 26^th^. August 1757.

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**N^o^. 122.**

To the Honourable George Pigot Esq^r^.
President and Governour of Fort S^t^. George &c^a^. Council.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

Enclosed is Duplicate of what we wrote you by the Mermaid sloop We now dispatch the Marlbro to your Honour &c^a^. with 4000 Bags of Salt Petre, which is consign'd to you, as it is not possible for us to judge what Number of Bags you will be obliged to unlade to make room for your Bales. We have Laden on her likewise 210 Bales of Vizagapatam Cloth, and some packing stores and materials, as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed. The rest of her cargoe we have consign'd the Honourable Company to whom we have transmitted Invoice and Bill of Lading. Abstract of the Invoice is enclosed in this packet for your Guide in lading her, that the amount may not exceed our Honourable Master's Directions. About twenty five French Gentlemen take their passage on the Marlbro for whom your Honour &c^a^. will please to provide conveyances to carry them to Pondicherry. Monsieur Haillot is permitted to proceed to Europe on this ship. A proportion of Stores for S^t^. Helena is laden on the Marlbro. As the number of our Inhabitants and Military officers is greatly increased. we think it reasonable to expect your Honour &c^a^. will not land any of the Madiera this year design'd for our presidency, and if the whole of your proportion cannot be disposed of on the Coast, it might be sold to advantage in Bengal. M^r^. W^m^. Hay who dispatches this ship from Ingellee will inform you of what else may be material from thence. We received from the Nabob in part Payment of the monies stipulated to be paid by the Treaty a Quantity of Gold and Jewels agreeable to the enclosed Lists. If you are in want of the former, we will send it up to your Presidency by the January shipping and we desire you will give publick notice of the Weight and value of the Jewels that if any persons are willing to purchase them, they may give proper orders to their Attorneys here. Should your Honour &c^a^. think proper to draw any Bills upon us, we desire it may be made payable in Current Rupees, as it will be impossible to procure Arcott Rupees, and the Batta of our siccas are to be regulated by the current specie in future. As we think it is of consequence for your Honour &c^a^. to have a Quantity of Salt Petre by you, we have agreed to Freight on the Restitution 1500 or 2000 Bags to your Place she will leave the River a few days after the Marlbro.

We are
Honourable Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants

Roger Drake *Jun^r^.*
Rich^d^. Becher.
W^m^. Ffrankland.
M. Collet.
W^m^. Mackett.
P. Amyatt.
Tho^s^. Boddam.

Fort William
12^th^. September 1757.

## N°. 123.

[Dup.]

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

About the midle of August we dispatch'd the Mermaid sloop to your Presidency with 800 Bags of Salt Petre by her we likewise advised you fully of our situation and that we proposed sending you the Marlbro in September with 4000 Bags of Salt Petre and about 600 Bales to be filled up on your coast, and returned to Europe. We had actually laden that ship with the above mentioned Quantities of Petre and Bales and was upon the point of closing her Dispatches when the Revenge imported with the Intelligence of a French Squadron being at Pondicherry. Since which we have received the confirmation of it by his Majesty's ship the Triton, by which we were favoured with your Letter of the 19th. Instant and a consignment of 20 chests of Bullion. Upon Receipt of those advices We judged it prudent to alter the Marlbro's Destination, we shall now lade her for Europe compleatly from this place and send her away very early in the season. The Mermaid sloop after having got as far to the southward as the Latitude of 15° N°. was by stress of weather obliged to put back she returned here yesterday. We are extremly concern'd at this accident as it has deprived you of the supply of Salt Petre we sent on her, and the material advices with which she was charged. As we think it of Consequence for you to know the state of affairs in Bengal, we have freighted the Syrian and Watson sloops to carry the Marlborough's and Mermaid's packets, but it is not possible to send you any Salt Petre this monsoon, as it might fall into the Enemy's Hands and assist them with an article which probably they will soon feel the want of having no possession left in these provinces. By the December and January ships, you may depend on a Large supply of petre, if the Passage from hence to your coast is open. Your Honour &ca. will please to favour us as soon as possible with your sentiments respecting the Destination of the expected shipping, and how many you imagine it will be in your power to dispatch home from your coast, either fully laden or partly assisted from hence. We should likewise be glad to know if there will be any surplus pepper at Bencoolen in case we should have more Tonnage than we can provide Investments for. We have paid the Owners of these sloops 2000 Rupees each to deliver our Packets to your Honour &ca. after which they are at Liberty to proceed where they think proper. The Packet for the Honourable the Court of Directors you will please to forward by the first Conveyance from your Place.

We are
Honourable Sir and Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants

Fort William
27th. September 1757.

Roger Drake, *Junr.*
Richd. Becher.
Wm. Ffrankland.
M. Collet.
Wm. Mackett.
P. Amyatt.
Thos. Boddam.

List of Packet to Fort St. George ℔ Watson Sloop.

1 General Letter dated the 27th. September 1757.
2 D°. D°. the 12th. D°.
3 D°. D°. the 11th. August 1757.
4 Second Bills of Exchange on the Governour and Council of Pondi cherry for A Rs. 35000.

5 List of Jewels received from the Nabob.
6 List of Gold received from D°.
7 Letter to the Select Committee of Fort St. George.
8 Copy of Captain Oliphant's Orders.

JOHN COOKE,
*Secry.*

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**N°. 124.**

GENTLEMEN

I have received your Letter of the 30th. May acquainting me you had been informed by the Committee that my Intention in sending the Revenge to Madrass was to receive on board such part of our Provisions as the Marlbro and Protector could not take in. What you were acquainted with by the Committee I will not take upon me to say but if you had sought for my intention in sending the Revenge to Madrass, in my Orders to Captain James, which I presume you were no strangers to before you determined to detain him, you there might have observ'd my design in sending him was to take care of a Ketch I sent with him for the Provisions, and what she could not take on board, he was to receive. There is not a syllable mentioned of the Marlbrô either in my Letter to the Committee or Captain James's orders, and be assured my design of sending him to Madrass was for no other purpose than to secure a safe conveyance to our Provisions from thence to this place, and had you fully considered the ill consequences which must have arose from the Loss of them, I believe you would not have been so very precipitate in compelling Captain James to break his Orders. I do suppose because she is a Company's ship, you thought you had a right to exert an authority over her Captain. But upon a very Little Reflection you will find yourselves much mistaken as you can't be unacquainted of the application made by the Company to His Majesty, desiring he would permit them to put all their Marine Force under the direction of the Commanding Officer he should send into the East India, in consequence of which, I had His Majesty's Instructions to take them under my Command, and deriving my Power from such authority I did expect to have all my orders implicitly obey'd. However as no bad Accident has arose from your conduct in this affair I shall take no further notice of it.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient humble Servant
CHAS. WATSON.

CALCUTTA
11TH. AUGUST 1757.

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**N°. 125.**

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

I had the Honour to address myself to you by the Snow Overback Captain Robert Holford who sailed from hence the 8th. of January last, bound bound [*sic*] directly for Fort St. George, having on board some Timbers and Plank on the Honourable Company's account as ℘ Invoice Duplicates of which, with such other papers as were then sent I herewith transmit by this conveyance. On the 1st. Instant imported here the ship Fort William Captain Charles Miller from Bengal laden with Rice for sale and some stores for this settlement as ℘ Invoice, a copy of which I now inclose, and must observe to your Honours that the Carriages mentioned for the nine Pounders are not arrived with the other Articles, they being left behind at Bengal as Captain

Miller supposes by some mistake, I have likewise received an Indent for some Timbers and Plank for the use of the artillery at Fort William which I shall endeavour to comply with for the Good of the service as far as we are able by the first Conveyance. In my Last Letter to your Honours under date the 7th. January last, I mentioned that there was then a prospect of having a fine crop of Paddy up the Country, for which reason I omitted purchasing the whole cargo of Rice that came in the Overbeck, excepting just as much as I thought would be sufficient to supply our own necessities, But the Information I had received proves not to be true for the now [*sic*] at Dagon has lately made a very Large Demand for Paddy to maintain his army which are still besieging the City of Pegu, and I am well informed that there is not so much to be had all over the Country as he has already made a Demand for, and is now in want of at this time, and the number of Carrianners (a sett of industrious inoffencieve people who are spread all over the Country) that are already applying here for Rice, makes it appear plainly that there will be a great scarcity if not obsolutely a Famine in a very few months for which reason I have ventured to purchase the whole Cargo of Rice imported in the Fort William on the Honourable Company's account amounting to 2550 Bags at 3 Rupees ℔ Bag each containing 2 Bengal maund, and have accordingly given bills of Exchange for Payment on the Honourable the Governour and Council of Fort William for Arcot Rupees seven thousand six hundred and fifty (7650) in favour of Captain Charles Miller agreeable to his request of having the money paid in Bengall. Our having now so fine a stock of Rice as will enable us to supply the Burmah's on any Exigency, may (and will I hope) be of great service to this settlement. The Burmahs have of late appeared to be much dissatisfyed with the English, our not having a sufficient stock of Gun Powder to answer the King's Demands, has given him a Jealousy that we are not hearty in his Interest which supposition may be very detrimental to our future proceedings in forwarding this settlement unless timely prevented by a Large supply. On the 22d. of Last month there arrived here in a Boat from Dagon one David Renno, he called himself a Protestant Portugueze sayd he was born at Fort St. David and had resided mostly in Pegu these 35 years past, was employed in the Honourable Company's service at Syrian for some Years as an Interpreter and taken Prisoner by the Burmahs, at the late reduction of that place He spoke good English, and appeared to be a very intelligent man, as he was in great Poverty and brought a numerous family with him a Wife and eleven Children I consented to his continuing here in the Honourable Company's service as an Interpreter and a Translater of the Burmah and Pegu Languages and he would have been a very serviciable man to the Settlement on that account but he was taken ill with a Violent Fever and Dyed here the 20th. Instant He has assured me that the King of the Burmahs had not even opened the Letters (which were sent by the return of the Late ambassadors) by reason they were not attended with some Large Presents which he had expected from the Honourable Company by way of an equivalent for the Liberty he had given the English to settle in his Kingdom and that He had let drop some words signifying that after he had taken Pegu he would then endeavour to dissposses the English at Negrais, Copy of a Letter I received from Thomas Price an Englishman now a prisoner at Dagon I have herewith inclosed for your Honours more particular Satisfaction Likewise the copy of a letter from Bobajee one of the Honourable Company's black servants at Persaim acquainting me with his being carried away a Prisoner to Kowkong by the Orders of Antonio (the Sub Governour of that district over the Burmahs) for permitting David Renno to come from Persaim to Negrais without his Liberty. I have likewise enclosed a copy of my answer to Bobajee, with a Letter I wrote and sent to Antonio on that occasion. The Burmahs and Peguers have held Lately several Parleys, The Pegu King has offered his Daughter to the King of Ava and sent him a great many Presents of Jewels and other Valuable Effects, in hopes of accommodating matters between the two Kingdoms (amongst the late Presents he sent him are the Pallankeens and some Cannon which were given

to the King of Pegue by the English) But the Burmah King will hearken to no Terms, as he appears resolute to take the Capital, and it is believed if he conquers it, that he will put them all to the sword. The Peguers make a stout Defence (as their all is at stake) and are sayd to be tolerably well supplyed with men and Provisions, and (it is reported) have a stock of ammunition sufficient to last yet for some months which last article the Burmahs are much-in want of, and I am in Expectation of seeing them here, very shortly to demand a further supply our own stock of ammunition is at present very low, and even that which remains is fit for no other use but the Morning and Evening Gun, or to return salutes. Should they come again and be denyed (which must be the case unless we receive a supply) I cannot answer for the Consequences that may attend such a Deniall, But do assure your Honours that as far as lies in my Power I will to the utmost defend the Honourable Company's Interest in this Settlement. The Ship George which has remain'd here both as a Guard and storeship ever since the removal of the Prince George for Bengal the 11th. May 1756 having suffered greatly by the quantity of heavy stores (which were kept constantly, on board her for some months during her Voyage to Persaim and back again to Negrais), and having suffered likewise by the inclemency of the Weather in the rainy season, is now very much in want of some necessary Repairs, and as Ship Carpenters are not procurable here I have thought it adviseable to order her to Vizagapatam to be there refitted if agreable to the Owners, and it is by her I have the Honour to transmit these accounts to you. But as a Guard ship is of the greatest consequence to us while we are in this suspence of the Burmahs Proceedings, and is indeed at this critical Juncture absolutely necessary for the Safety and Preservation of the whole Settlement I have therefore detained the ship Fort William for that purpose Her burthen is about 300 Tons mounting 12 Carriage and 4 Swivell Guns with musketts Blunderbusses and other Warlike Stores in proportion; and mann'd with between 60 and 70 hands The Commander of her Captain Charles Miller has entered a Protest against me for so detaining his ship at the Negrais, a copy of which Protest together with the Letters that have pass'd between us on this occasion I have herewith transmitted for your Honour's Perusal, and as I am conscious to myself of having acted for the best and as I have taken no steps in this affair but what is apparently for the Honourable Company's Interest in the preservation of this Settlement so I hope my actions will be set in the most favourable Light and as my Intentions are upright that they will have the happiness of meeting with your Honour's Protection and approbation. Our Improvements here go on but very slowly for want of a sufficient number of Workmen, and even Tools of all kinds and the sickness still rages both amongst the Whites and Blacks. We have Buryed three of the military this month and the greatest part of those who are doing Duty are so much reduced by Feavers and Agues that they appear more like to skeletons than men. Mr. Waldo one of the Honourable Company's monthly Writers on this Establishment, and Mr. Bollard Second Mate of the ship George both dyed last month of a lingering Illness. The Weather is extreamly fine here and has continued so ever since last October so that whatever hidden cause may be the reason of this Destruction amongst us is above my comprehension I have lately cleared away the Trees for a considerable distance round the Fort in hopes that it may make some alteration for the better by admitting a Clearer air to pass amongst us, and have now got pretty forward with new Barracks for the soldiers and I beg leave to assure your Honour that I shall spare no pains on my part towards endeavouring to improve and protect this Settlement to the utmost of my Power and Abilities. I have herewith enclosed to your Honours an Indent for such stores as are wanted here and is indeed very near a Duplicate of the former one sent by the Overbeck excepting the Guns which are omitted (as we have received 4 fine nine pounders from Bengall in the Fort William) and a few other articles which are added which I hope your Honours will please to further by the first Conveyance as the greatest part of them are much wanted and will be absolutely necessary towards the Preservation of the Settlement. I have likewise inclosed a General Return of

the Military and Train to this Day. I shall wait with Impatience for the Honour of receiving your Commands and Instructions for my better Guidance and I beg leave to assure your Honours that I am with the warmest whishes for the Honourable Company's Interest.

Honourable Sir and Sirs
Your most obedient and most devoted
hum$^{ble}$. Servant
Tho$^{s}$. Newton.

Negrais
March 30$^{TH}$. 1757.

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List of the Packet.

1 General Letter to Fort S$^{t}$. George March 29$^{th}$. 1757.
Dupli-cate. { 2 General Letter to D$^{o}$. Jan$^{ry}$. 17$^{th}$. 1757.
3 Copy Invoice of Timbers and Plank ⅌ Overbeck
4 Copy of Letter from Thomas Price at Dagon Jan$^{ry}$. 29$^{th}$.
5 Copy Letter from Bobajee.
6 Copy Letter to Antonio March 13$^{th}$.
7 Copy Letter to Bobajee March 13$^{th}$.
8 Copy Letter to M$^{r}$. Charles Miller March 23$^{d}$.
9 Copy Letter from Captain Charles Miller March 24$^{th}$.
10 Copy Captain Miller's Protest March 24$^{th}$.
11 Copy Letter to Captain Charles Miller March 24$^{th}$.
12 Copy Invoice ⅌ Ship Fort William February 5$^{th}$.
13 General Indent.
14 General Return.
15 List of the Packet.

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N$^{o}$. 126.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esq$^{R}$.
President and Governour &c$^{A}$. Council of Fort S$^{T}$. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

The ship George arrived here the 26$^{th}$. Ultimo from the Negrais, at M$^{r}$. Newton's request we now forward the accompanying Packet to you. As we have a great Demand for Dubbs, Our advances to the military alone amounting to Two candies ⅌ month We must request a further supply of Twenty or Thirty Candies of the Company's best Copper. We enclose the storekeeper's note for Arcot Rupees 700–2–4 for stores supplyed the Westcoast Long Boats, which was omitted to be charged and sent with the former accounts We also send an Indent of stores, which we request the favour you will please to comply with as early as possible. Duplicate of our last and the monthly papers for march accompany this. We are with the greatest Respect

Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants

Will$^{M}$. Perceval.
J. L. Smith.
Marmaduke Best.

Vizagapatam
3$^{D}$. May 1757.

LIST OF THE PACKET.

1 General Letter.
2 Duplicate D°.
3 Diaries and Consultation for April.
4 Paymasters Accounts for March.
5 Warehousekeeper's Accounts for D°.
6 Storekeeper's Accounts for D°.
7 Increase and Decrease for D°.
8 Sea and River Customer's for D°.
9 Return of the Garrison for April.
10 Indent for stores.
11 A List of stores supplyed the Westcoast Long Boats.
12 List of the Packet.

N°. 127.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

We had prepared our Packet with the monthly Papers for march the 3^d. of this month in the morning in order to dispatch it to you in the Evening but were prevented by receiving a Letter from M^r. John Calland copy of which we now enclose. The 9^th. we received a Letter from M^r. Andrew's Copy of which we also Inclose. The Bales mentioned in M^r. Andrews Letter we kept on board the George Sloop and embarked what Bales we had on ha[n]d with our Broad Cloth on board her and the Sea Horse sloop and now dispatch them to Bengal Consigning them and M^r. Andrew's to the President and Council there. You will observe by Mess^rs. Andrew's and Calland's Letters that the French hearing of the English taking Chandinagore immediately collected all their Forces and attacked Bandarmalanka and Nellipilla, M^r. Andrews sent what arms and ammunition he cou'd get off to this place and the Europeans and Topasses, he sent to Nellipilla (We wish he had sent them hither) and retired himsef to Pollicole, Nellipilla held out some days and we hear surrende [*sic*] the 10^th. Instant; The Cloth M^r. Calland sent here being wet we were obliged to send to the Washer; which prevented the washing any of our own. The Country People tell us M^r. Law is preparing to attack this place, however we are under no apprehensions from him, if M^r. Bussy joins him we cannot hold out long against so formidable Power we have various Reports concerning him, some say He is involv'd in much Trouble with the Hill Rajahs at the Back of Ganjam and has even sent to M^r. Law for assistance, others that he Has come to Terms with them and returning this way, such is our situation without much expectation of being reinforced. We immagine the Long Cloth will be sent to you by the September shipping and we have requested of the Gentlemen to dispose of the Broad Cloth as they may judge proper. Several Packets from the Negrais and two Packets from us with the monthly Papers for march and April we have recommended to the care of the Gentlemen of Bengal to be forwarded to you by the first Conveyance it being impossible for us to send any advices by Land either to Madras or Bengal, The freight for y^e. several Bales ℔ sloop George will be settled by you Gentlemen and M^r. Andrew's and the Freight of those ℔ Sea Horse We have desired the Gentlemen of Bengal to adjust and pay. We are with the greatest Respect.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants
WILL^M. PERCEVAL.
J. L. SMITH.
MARMADUKE BEST.

VIZAGAPATAM
18^TH. MAY 1757.

COPY.

TO WILLIAM PERCEVAL ESQ^R^.
CHIEF OF VIZAGAPATAM &C^A^. COUNCIL.

SIRS

The French on hearing that Chandanagore was taken by our Troops Immediately marched what Forces they could spare from Metchlepatam Rajamundrum Narsapore &c^a^. to Yannom where they now are and will I believe lay seige to Nellipillee today, what Military I had here I sent by sea Yesterday morning to their assistance. This waits on you by sloop George on board whom I have laden what cloth I had on hand as ℔ the Enclosed account what other things are put on board her on account of the Company You shall have the particulars of in my next. I have sent on board this sloop 3 Corporals & 30 Seapoys to prevent her being Boarded by any Boat from the several Vessels lying near Ingeram. As I can make no Defence, and am certain this Place must fall shortly am preparing for my Retreat. I wish the sloop safe to you, had we Received the same Intelligence the French did it would have saved much trouble to us and very probably much loss to the Company.

I am
SIRS

Your most obedient humble Servant

JOHN ANDREWS.

BANDARMALANKA
MAY THE 4^TH^. 1757.

| BALES 84 CONTAINING. | | | BROAD CLOTH. |
|---|---|---|---|
| L.C.O. .. .. .. .. .. | 65 | 16 | 4 Bales. |
| L.C.M. .. .. .. .. .. | 20 | 9 | 1 Chest. |
| L.C.F. .. .. .. .. .. | 24 | | |
| Corge .. | 110 | 5 | |

COPY.

TO WLLIAM PERCEVAL ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

This is to acquaint you that M^r^. Law, instead of going to the Northward, has deceived every one, by marching to Yanam Place within Gun shott of this, his march has been so pricepitate and sudden that I have not had time to make the necessary preparation for him, by securing the Company's Effects. However I have made the best of the little time I have had given me, so as to send the Books and Papers to the Dutch at Cokinarra and to lade on the Bonita Sloop, what Cloth I could get carried to Coringa, which I take to be of Fine Midling and Ordinary about 45·9 Corge which be pleased to get Landed and Cured, so soon as I can get a particular account of it, I will send it over Land, I have still in the Place 49·17 which I am afraid, if they should make an attack will fall into their hands for not a Doney, nor even a cooly, is to be got for Love or Money. What their design in coming to Yanam, is, as yet unknown, I am afraid not a very favourable one for us, however a short time will shew We must make the best of a bad market. I shall not fail to give you as yearly [*sic*] Intelligence of their motions and Remain

GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient humble Servant

JOHN CALLAND.

INGERAM
1^ST^. MAY 1757.

LIST OF THE PACKET ℔ SLOOP GEORGE FOR FORT ST. GEORGE.

1 General Letter.
2 Warehousekeeper's Accounts for April.
3 Paymaster's Accounts for Do.
4 Account Remains of the Warehouse.
5 Storekeeper's Account for April.
6 Copper Coiner's Account and the Disposal of Dubbs.
7 Account Charges of the Upparra Settlement.
8 Increase and Decrease for April.
9 Sea & River Customer's Account.
10 11 Copys of the Invoices ℔ Sloop George and Sea Horse.
12 Copys of Messrs. Andrews and Calland's Letters.
13 List of the Packet.

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**No. 128.**

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

The 4th. Instant arrived here the sloop Protector and Arcot snow by the former we received sixty Barrels of Gun Powder and by the latter Twenty Thousand Arcot Rupees, as mentioned in your Letter of the 30th. Ultimo which we shall reserve for the use of the Garrison. Though we represented to Captain England the necessity of his continuing with his ship in our Road some Days to protect this settlement against the French, who are daily expected in our Neighbourhood, we could not prevail on him to stay Longer than the Evening of the 5th. nor even one day to take in sixty seven Bales of the Honourable Company's Long Cloth, we are therefore now obliged to send them on the Arcot snow, consigned to the President and Council of Fort William being forty Bales Vizagapatam brown and Twenty seven Bales Ingeram white and brown as ℔ Invoices Inclosed. The French took possession of your settlements at Bandarmalanka and Nellipillee the beginning of last Month. Messrs. Calland and Blake arrived here the 22d. by permission of the French Commanding officer being prisoners upon their parole, We inclose you copy of a Letter received the 24th. Ultimo from Mr. Andrews at Madepollam. In the present situation of our affairs we do not think it advisable to contract for the Building a sloop of Fifty Tons for the service of the West Coast as directed in your favour of the 30th. May. Mr. Best having long complained of a very Indifferent state of Health, Requests your Honour &ca. will grant him permission to go up to Madrass in September or October next being in hopes the Change of Air may do him good. We enclose you sundry Papers as mentioned in the List of the Packet, and are with great Respect,

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants

WILLM. PERCEVAL.
J.L. SMITH.
MARMADUKE BEST.

VIZAGAPATAM
12TH. JUNE 1757.

TO WILLIAM PERCEVAL ESQR.
CHIEF OF VIZAGAPATAM &CA. COUNCIL.

SIRS

I wrote you some time ago by my sloop who I hear got over the Barr and sailed four or five days since for your place, I sincerely hope she is arrived; You will before this be informed that the French are in possession of Nellipellee and Bandarmalanka; I am herewith my Family though not a prisoner

of War yet worse, I shall go in a day or Two to Metchlepatam to talk with Mr. Moracin This comes chiefly to inform you that the Camp formed against Nellipillee, with the Addition of some People from Rajahmundram and Metchlepatam are to March very soon to the Northward where Bussey will join them and the whole Body I believe pay you a Visit. The 84 Bales of Cloth sent by the Sloop was taken from the washers, some brown some in cowdung some half Washed &ca. but being well dried can take no damage, however you will be pleased, if the situation of your own affairs will permit to let them be opened, and either washed or reimbaled as you shall see best I must also request that a Company's servant may see them opened and take the account which though I know to be right as I saw every piece put in myself yet it will not be amiss to guard against the Tricks of Conocoplys at this time. This comes by the Dutch Channel but as they are fearful of sending our Letters and I am strictly watched my advices cannot be frequent therefore I can only assure you of my best wishes for your Success and that I am

Sirs,
Your most obedient Humble Servant
John Andrews.

Madepollam
the 13th. May 1757.

List of the Packet ℔ Arcot Snow for Fort St. George.

1 General Letter.
2 Copy of Mr. Andrews Letter.
3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Copys of the Bills of Lading ℔ Sloops George and Sea Horse.
8 Diaries and Consultations for May.
9 Cash Account for April.
10 & 11 Copy of the Invoice ℔ Arcot Snow.
12 List of the Packet.

**No. 129.**

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.

President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

As I had no oppertunity before I left the coast of acquainting you with the particulars of the Surrender of Vizagapatam to Monsr. De Bussy I take this first that has offered of doing it from hence.

I hope my conduct has been such on this unfortunate Occasion, as you will approve of; you are well acquainted with the circumstances We were in, tho' not apprehensive that Monsr. Bussy cou'd bring so large a Force against us. He had at least 800 Europeans 300 of which were horsemen and upwards of 6000 seapoys. Captain Brohier's Arrival in the Marlborough was a Lucky Circumstance that saved a great many lives, for from the unruly spirit that reigned among our People, it would have been impossible to have come to any Terms of Capitulation, till one half had been knock'd in the head.

Having drawn up a Narrative of the whole affair which I intend to send to the Court of Directors by a Vessell to be dispatched to England shortly from hence; I inclose your Honour &ca. a Copy of it, wch. I hope will be satisfactory till I have the honour to Pay my Respects to you in Person, which I hope will be by the Marlborough. The several Letters I wrote the Gentlemen of the Committee will be forwarded by this conveyance.

I am with the greatest Respect,
Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient & most
humble Servant
Willm. Perceval.

Calcutta
8th. August 1757.

A Narrative of the Surrender of Vizagapatam, to Monsr. De Bussy, 16th. June 1757.

Being appointed to the Chiefship of Vizagapatam the beginning of March 1757, by the President and Council of Fort St. George; I Embark'd the 25th. and Arrived at that Place the 1st. of April.

On my arrival there, I found them employed in making a Ditch, and Glacis, round the Fort which work had been undertaken about two months before, from their Apprehensions of being attacked by Monsr. Bussy's Army, which lay for some time, at a Place called Cossimcota, about Twenty miles within Land, but He march'd to the Northward, without molesting them and was when I arrived, at, or near Ganjam, a Place considerably to the Northward of Vizagapatam. As the work carrying on at Vizagapatam, was far advanced when I arriv'd, the Counterscrap of the Ditch being round in most Places, to 10 or 11 feet high, I thought it best to finish it, and having sent a Draft of what was intended, to the Select Committee of Fort St. George, continued it till the end of May shortly after which I received orders from the Presidency to put a stop to it. On the 3d. of May I Received a Letter from Mr. John Calland at Nellipillee by a small sloop of his, with what cloth He could put on board informing me that the French were collecting their Forces and had arrived at Yanam, a Settlement of theirs very near him, and was apprehensive of being attacked by them. On the 9th. of May I Received a Letter from Mr. John Andrews of Bandarmalanka by the Sloops George, and Sea Horse, to the Same Purpose, and that he had Laden on them, what Bales of Cloth he had on hand and his Military stores, having sent his Military to the Assistance of Nellipillee, Upon which we held a Council in which it was agreed to take out the Military stores, continue Mr. Andrew's Bales on board, and ship what Bales, and Plate we had belonging to the Honourable Company, on those sloops, and Consign them to the Presidency of Bengal, which we accordingly did, and dispatched them the 18th. of May. After the French under the Command of Monsr. De St. Paul had taken our Settlements at Bandarmalanka and Nellipillee, I received frequent advices from the Country Rajahs and others, that they were preparing to March against Vizagapatam; But as the Party commanded by Monsr. St. Paul did not exceed, as we were informed 250 Europeans, we were not under any great apprehensions from them yet we thought it prudent to put ourselves in the best Posture of Defence by Entertaining as many seapoys as we had arms for; but He pass'd by us at some distance within Land in order to join, as We afterwards found Mr. Bussy to the Northward. On the 4th. of June arrived the Company's ship Protector, Captain George England from Madras, and the Arcot Snow; by the former we received sixty Barrels of Gun Powder but could not prevail upon Captain England to remain in our Road for some days tho' we Represented to him, in the strongest Terms the Danger we were in from the Enemy; and informed him that we had Received Instructions from the Presidency, that in case We found the Enemy should be too numerous and overpowerfull, we should make the best Retreat possible, which we should never be able to do. without the Pretection and countenance of such a ship as his, and had no Reason to expect any other from Madrass; nor would he stay lõger than the Evening of the 5th. tho' we acquainted him we had about seventy Bales of the Honourable Company's Long cloth to put on board his ship; We therefore Protested against him for his non Compliance with our Request, and the Arcot Snow cou'd be of no service to the Settlement, we ship'd the Bales on her, and consign'd them to the Presidency of Bengall the 11th. having before Engaged a Country Vessell to lie without the Bar, in hopes she might have been of some service to us. On the 20th. of June I received certain advice that Monsr. De St. Paul with his party had join'd Mr. Bussy near Chicacole and that the united army consisting at least of 600 Europeans, and 6000 Seapoys had pass'd the River of Chicacole, and were in the Road to Vizagapatam Monsr. De Bussy having written to the Rajah of Vizanagoram in whose District Vizagapatam is, to come and join him. On the 24th. about 3 o'clock in the afternoon a Large Party of Horse, being the Van of the army, appeared

and came very near the Town in order to take a view of some of the outworks but were fired at, from the Black Rock Battery which obliged them to retire to a greater Distance just at this time appeared the ship Marlborough from Mad[s]. who came to an Anchor, in the Road of Vizagapatam between 5 and 6 o'clock in the Evening; and Captain Brohier who had Orders from the Select Committee of Fort S[t]. George to stop at Vizagapatam, and take a survey of the Works, and make a Report to me, and the Council, Landed about 7 o'clock in the Evening, and Early next morning having Examined the outworks attended by Captain Campbell the Commandant, on his Return wrote the following Letter to me and Council.

To William Perceval Esq[r].
Chief &c[a]. Council of Vizagapatam.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

My orders from the Secret Committee of the Presidency are to survey this Place, and Report to them the State and condition of it with what I conceive necessary to be done for its Defence. In consequence of these Orders I landed here last night, but the Place being Invested by the van of the Enemy's army, I have the Honour to acquaint you, that having viewd its Batterys this morning to the Northward I find them in good condition and the Artillery in tollerable good order, but the Openings between the Black Rock Battery, and Mettow Gate affords an Entrance for as many Troops as the Enemy may have, and it is impossible to secure it, in so short a time as we have to do it, having neither Coolys, nor workmen; as I am informed they have already quitted the Settlement. The Place is all open to the Westward, by the River being fordable almost every where in that Part and thereby in a defenceless condition on that side, an Enemy forcing his way in will cut off the Communication from the Batterys to the Fort. The space between the surf and Tennery's Battery will also facilitate an attempt on that side in the nights The Out Posts are at such a distance from each other that they cannot succour one another and the Troops so few to defend them, that I conceive it is not possible to Resist the assaults of the Enemy, if they are numerous as reported, and as to the Fort Itself it is hardly fit to capitulate in, as the Enemy in Possession of the out Batterys, will soon Reduce it to their own terms; This being the case, I submit to your serious consideration the measures which may be taken in the Present Circumstances.

I am with Respect
Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Sign'd) J. Brohier.

Vizagapatam
25[th]. June 1757.

Upon Receipt of this Letter I held a Council of War wherein it was unanimously agreed, that the place being untenable against such a numerous army, as it was then Invested with, it was most adviseable for the true Interest of the Honourable Company to Embark the European Garrison in the Evening, on board the ship Marlborough, leaving Lieutenant Eley of the Train with the Topazes & Seapoys, to cover the Retreat and to Capitulate on the best Terms He cou'd, Copy of which Council follows.

At a Council of War held in Vizagapatam
25[th]. June 1757.

*Present*

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| William Perceval Esq[r]. | James Wilson. |
| John Lewin Smith | William Magee. |
| Marmaduke Best. | Arthur Nelson. |
| Captain John Brohier. | John Seaton. |
| Captain Charles Campbell. | James Macdonald. |
| Thomas Heath. | Stephen Smith. |

Captain Brohier having this morning delivered to the Chief and Council, his opinion of the Defenceless State of the Garrison, (which we hereunto annex) the Chief thought it necessary, to call a Council of War, to consider of the

properest measures to be taken in this Emergency, for the true Interest of the Company. It is our unanimous opinion that being at a great Distance from our Capital Settlements, and the Select Committee of Fort St. George having acquainted the Chief in their Letter of the 16th. Instant, that the situation of their affairs upon the Coast, rendered it impossible to send us any supplys from thence, and the season of the year would not admit of our expecting any succours from Bengall the Van Guard of the Enemy having Invested the Garrison which has already so much alarmed the Inhabitants that the Fisherman and Boat fellows have to a man deserted us. We therefore resolve to Embark the Garrison this evening, Leaving Lieutenant Elley with a Command of Seapoys to cover our Retreat and Capitulate for the remaining part of the Garrison in the best manner He can.

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| William Perceval. | Arthur Nelson. |
| John Lewin Smith. | James Wilson. |
| Marmaduke Best. | William Magee. |
| John Brohier. | John Seaton. |
| Charles Campbell. | James Macdonald. |
| Thomas Heath. | Stephen Smith. |

I must here observe that it was further agreed in the said Council of War, to spike up the Guns at the sea side Battery when Dark, the better to secure our Retreat, but by mistake the officer without any orders from me or Captain Campbell spiked some of them up about 4 o'clock and was prevented from spiking the rest by Captain Campbell who happen'd to see it this circumstance we afterwards acquainted Mr. Bussey of. About 8 o'clock this morning the whole of the French Army was come up within two miles and a considerable Party Encamp'd very near the Town, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, I received the following summons from Monssr. De Bussy.

From the French Camp 25th. June 1757.

Sir

It is I believe needless to tell you, what brings me before your Place; but think it necessary to acquaint you of it by summoning you to surrender it up, and not expose yourself and your Garrison, by a mistaken Bravery, to all the fury which follows an Assault or Escalade, an Evil which I should not be able to put a stop to, having in my army, barbarous and Undisciplined nations. You will avoid this in surrendering, and may depend upon all the Good Treatment, and Generosity, on which my nation piques itself in such a Case; and particularly.

Sir
Your most Humble and most obedient Servant
De Bussy.

to which with the unanimous consent of such of the Gentlemen that composed the Council of War as were then present. I returned the following answer.

Vizagapatam
June 25th. 1757.

Sir

I have received your polite summons of this date, and to avoid Bloodshed. the consequence of Besieging this Garrison, am willing to surrender the Place, upon the following conditions Vizt.

That the whole Garrison both Europeans and Natives, be suffered to march out with their arms loaded, the usual Quantity of ammunition for a soldier to march with, Drums beating, and colours flying, and to pass unmolested to any of our Presidencys, which may be most convenient for them and that all private Property shall be safe to the Proprietors, and a reasonable time allowed to Remove it.

I believe you to be too great a General, not to think these terms reasonable if you was properly acquainted with the strength and state of our Garrison.

SIR
I am
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
(Sign'd) W[M]. PERCEVAL.

About 5 O'Clock in the Evening M[r]. Brohier and several others attempted to gett off to the ship in one of our Barboats, but the surf, ran so high that it was impossible to get over the Bar, and It was with the greatest Difficulty they got to ashore again, in a second attempt the Boat was, overset and one Person drowned and the wind continueing to blow Fresh all night made it utterly impossible to put the scheme in Execution of Embarking the Garrison However by good Fortune Cap[t]. Brohier and Captain M[c].Cloud got off about 6 in the Morning of the 26[th] th.o' with great difficulty and Danger, about 11 O'clock at night I Received the following Letter from M[r]. Bussy.

JUNE 25[TH]. 1757

SIR

I have just now received your answer to the summons I have made you to which nothing engaged me, but Generosity; you ought to know, in what manner the French at Chardinagore have been Treated; notwithstanding I will not imitate your Country men but only in the point of the European Garrison which will be Prisoners of War as well as the Commandant and all other officers, civil and Military, the Country Troops may go where they please, as for the rest you will have Reason to be satisfied, I Reckon that my Batterys will be ready tomorrow, and that I shall not have Occasion for the Reinforcement which I expect from Several places. So Sir think upon it, and avoid misfortunes for which you would be responsible, and be perswaded that for all the other articles that you ask, you will be satisfied, if you accept, send some of your Gentlemen to Terminate; I shall wait till tomorrow morning 8 O'clock.

I am most perfectly
SIR
Your most humble Servant
DE BUSSY

to which early next morning being 26[th]. June I wrote the following Reply

VIZAGAPATAM JUNE 26[TH]. 1757

SIR

Having had so very little Time to consider of your last Letter. I must Desire till 11 O'Clock, before which time I will let you know my Resolution: and till then let all Firing cease and be put a stop to, I also desire that you will not during the Truce suffer any, of your Troops to approach nearer to our Walls, or Works. I am

SIR,
Your most Obedient Humble Servant.
W[M]. PERCEVAL.

to which I received the following answer.

FRENCH CAMP, ½ past 8 O'clock.

SIR

I have received yours of the 26[th]. You desire till 11 O'Clock to determine yourself I agree to it, and have given Orders to the different Posts not to Fire, but I must acquaint you, that the Troops which I sent Yesterday to the Dolphins Nose Guard Mountain might not perhaps receive my Orders in Time,

you therefore must not take their Fire as a Breach of my Parole, having just now dispatched a courier to them. On your side you must not Fire in any manner on my people, I wish for your Decision with Impatience and am most perfectly

Sir
Your most Obedient and most humble Servant
De Bussy.

I then held another Council of War, Copy of which follows Viz[t].

At a Council of War, held in Vizagapatam June the 26[th]. 1757.

*Present*

William Perceval Esq[r].
John Lewin Smith.
Charles Campbell.
Thomas Heath.
William Magee.
John Seaton.
James Wilson.
Simon Hart.
Rodrick Orton.

Having Received a summons yesterday from Mons[r]. De Bussy demanding the surrender of this Garrison, and having maturely deliberated thereon, and the Retreat yesterday agreed upon being impracticable; We are of opinion to comply therewith, on the best Terms that can be obtained, it being the Opinion also of Cap[t]. Brohier who was purposely sent here by the Select Committee at the Presidency to Report the State and condition of it, it is therefore agreed immediately to send Captain Campbell and M[r]. Thomas Heath to treat with the Enemy.

William Perceval.
John Lewin Smith.
Charles Campbell.
Thomas Heath.
William Magee.
John Seaton.
James Wilson.
Simon Hart.
Rodrick Orton.

In consequence of which, I wrote the following Letter to M[r]. De Bussy.

Vizagapatam 26[th]. June 1757.

Sir

I now send Captain Campbell Commandant of this Garrison and M[r]. Thomas Heath merchant to Treat with you about the surrender of it and do hereby oblige myself to comply with such articles as they shall agree to.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Humble Servant
W[m]. Perceval.

But Captain Campbell thinking it necessary to apprize the Garrison of Our Resolution of Capitulating before his Departure for the French Camp was prevented from going out by a considerable number of them who mutinied

and swore the Garrison should not be delivered up, for they wou'd die rather than be Prisoners to the French, and in a tumultous manner came into the Fort and took away the Colours by Force and marched about the Town, with Drums beating, and Colours flying, by which means most of the posts and Batterys were Deserted, tho' not before they had fired several Guns, in breach of the Truce agreed upon The Time of the Truce being almost expired and Large Partys of the Enemy approaching one every side of us. I was obliged to send Mr. Smith out to the sand Hill to acquaint Mr. Bussy, of the Confusion we were in and the cause of our not sending the Gentlemen, as He desired. In this Interim I received a slip of Paper from Mr. Bussy as follows.

SIR

I wait to hear from you, I am in the Trenches, in order to act in Consequence of your Answer.

I am perfectly
SIR
Your Servant
DE BUSSY.

As soon as Mr. Bussy was informed by Mr. Smith of the above circumstances He sent a Party of Horse and Seapoys into Town, who took possession without any opposition, the mutineers being some of the first who laid down their Arms on their Approach; The Officer who commanded the Horse came immediately to the Fort to prevent any mischief that might have happen'd from our own ungovernable People. In a very short time several hundred had entered the Place and Monsr. Bussy sent a Compliment to me that He waited for me at the Mettow Gate, accordingly I went to him attended by the Officers and Gentlemen of the Garrison and Returned with him to the Fort House, where he shortly after Demanded of me the Keys of the Treasury, Warehouses and Company's Books, I told him I had neither money nor Goods in the Warehouses, having embarked them and the Company's books and Papers on several Vessels gone to Bengal agreeable to the Orders received from my superiors at Fort St. George, which he seem'd satisfied with but desired that I and my Council would certifie under our hands that We had done so, and there was neither money nor Goods belonging to the Company when he took Possession of the Place. I [*sic*] was at first intended that the Pace shou'd be surrendered to none but the French and that none of the Black army should be permitted to come into the Town, but this Precaticn was frustrated by the Disorder of our own People before recited, by which means the Houses were Pillaged every where. But Mr. Bussy readyly paid the sufferers for their Losses, and tho' Entered the Place before any Capitulation was sign'd, He look'd upon himself as bound to perform what he had before proposed, and sign'd the Capitulation which follows, and which is full as good as we could have expected Tho' He paid the officers and others the whole of their Demand and would readily have paid me the value of my Losses, which were very considerably at Liquors, stores, Furniture, Apparell and the like, yet considering the station and Rank I bore, I thought it did not become me to make any such charge.

CAPITULATION of the Town and Fortress of Vizagapatam, between Monsr. De Bussy Lieutent. Colonel Knight of the Order Royall and Military of St. Louis, of the Order Royall of Christ in Portugal, Commandant General of the French Troops and others, and William Perceval Esqr. Chief of Vizagapatam and member of the Council superior and Select Committee of Fort St. George.

ARTICLE 1st. The Place, the Fortifications, the Artillery, Marine and Military Stores, Arms of all sorts, Ship Stores &ca. shall be delivered up to the Company of France as also all Merchandize, Money, and in General all that shall be found in the different magazines belonging to the English Company which the Chief and his Council engage on Honour to declare.

ARTICLE 2d. The Chief, the Council and all those employed in the English Company's service the Officers and all others both Civil and Military shall be Prisoners of War on their Parole and shall be permitted to carry with them all the Effects that belong to them and retire where ever they please on the conditions stipulated in the Bill of Honour sign'd by all the Officers Civil and Military.

ARTICLE 3d. All the Soldiers, Sailors, and other Europeans shall be Prisoners as long as the War continues between the King of France, and the King of England or untill they are Exchanged.

ARTICLE 4th. The Country Troops shall be allow'd to retire where they Please.

ARTICLE 5th. The Inhabitants, natives of the Country shall be secured in their Property and Houses as long as they behave themselves well, and during the General's pleasure.

ARTICLE 6th. All Soldiers that are not of the English nation may if they please Enlist in the French Service.

ARTICLE 7th. All the French Deserters shall be left to the General's Disposal.

DONE ON THE SAND HILL JUNE 26TH. 1757.

Sign'd DE BUSSY. WILLM. PERCEVAL.

The ship Marlborough and Vizagapatam Snow, which I had taken into our service as before mentioned, sailed from the Road of Vizagapatam, shortly after we surrendred and anchor'd in the Road of Bimlipatam that Evening, where Captain McCloud waited to receive me and such of the Garrison as were willing to go to Bengall. Having sign'd the Bill of Honour referred to in the Capitulation, Copy of which follows, and settled several matters, relating to the Prisoners, which I put under the Care of Ensign Smith with whom I left money for their subsistance, I set out from Vizagapatam the 30th. of June in the Evening, and arrived at Bimlipatam that night, from whence next morning, I Embarked on board the Marlborough and immediately set sail, leaving the snow in the Road to receive several of the Garrison who were not arrived with their Effects and on the 10th. of July I arrived at Calcutta.

## BILL OF HONOUR.

We the subscribing Commandant Counsellors Officers and others employed in the service of the Company in the Garrison of Vizagapatam taken by Mr. De Bussy, Commandant General of His most Christian Majesty's Troops, the Twenty sixth of June 1757 acknowledge ourselves to be Prisoners of War, We promise and Give our Parole of Honour not to carry arms directly or indirectly against His Most Christian Majesty, or his Allies as long as the War continues or untill we shall be Exchanged and to render ourselves at Pondicherry or any other French Establishment, whenever we shall be call'd upon by the order of the General of the French Nation in the East India or by Mr. De Bussy, in Witness whereof We hereunto set our hands this 27th. of June 1757.

Charles Campbell—Captain Commandant
Arther Nelson—Lieutenant

Simon Heart, Stephen Smith, Rodrick Orton } Ensigns.

John Seaton, John Eley } Lieutenants of Artillery

William Perceval—Chief.
John Lewin Smith—Second.
Marmaduke Best—Third.
Thomas Heath—Factor.
James Wilson—Surgeon.
William Magee—Free Merchant.
John Herriot, George Ivey, Thomas Cooper, John Newcome } Mates of ships.

The English Garrison at Vizagapatam consisted of about ... ... 140 Europeans Invalid and sick.
included ... ... ... ... 120 Topasses & Lascars.
and ... ... ... ... ... 300 seapoys.

Lascars
300 seapoys.

The French army consisted of—

200 French, 200 German } Infantry
150 Artillery.
100 French Horse.
200 Hussar Horse.
200 Moratta Horse.
6000 Seapoys.
30 Pieces of Cannon.
4 or 5000 Pikemen belonging to the Rajahs.

CALCUTTA
15TH. JULY 1757.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

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**No. 130.**

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

We have received your Favour of the 30th. Ultimo. We have drawn on you this day in favour of Mr. John Call for fifteen hundred (1500) Pagodas value received into Cash here of Mr. Andrew Newton. We must request an Immediate Supply of Cash as the Ballance is reduced to about Eight thousand four hundred (8400) Pagodas, and Twenty seven thousand, six hundred (27600) Rupees, which will barely answer a Months Disbursements of this Place and Deve Cotah and We are Indebted to some our merchants, and the Ballances of the rest reduced very much. Our surgeon has acquainted us he is in great want of Medicines. We therefore hope your Honour &ca. will find an oppertunity to supply us with them, as well as the stores both military and civil that We have Indented for. Our Accounts of Profit and Loss now wait on you, and We only wait your approval of them to close our Books. The storekeeper having reported several of the Company's arrack casks were in a bad condition being much worm eaten, which had occasioned them to leak, he was ordered to purchase good casks to draw off such as were bad and to fill up all the Leaguers to ascertain the exact Leakage, which He has done and finds it to be Two Leaguers sixty one Gallons, which we wait your Permission to write off to Profit and Loss.

We are with Respect,
HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most obedient Humble Servants

A. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
ROBT. SLOPER.

FORT ST. DAVID
11TH. OCTOBER 1757.

## List of Cloth.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Embaled | ... ... ... ... ... ... | 242 |
| Washers | ... ... ... ... ... ... | 4 |
| Beaters | ... ... ... ... ... ... | 89 |
| | Bales ... | 335 |

Profit and Loss Dr. to Factor Provisions. Pagodas 15—.—.

for ¼ Pipe of Madeira Wine Lost this year .. .. .. Pags. 15 — —

Fort St. David
April 30th. 1757.

Hugh Norris
*Impt. W.H.Kr.*

Fort St. David 30th. April 1757.

Profit and Loss Dr. to Sundry Accounts Pagodas 49-13-33 for the following particulars lost by Waste Rust &ca. this year Vizt.

| | ℔ | Qrs. | Lb. | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Iron— | | | | | | | | | |
| Bar .. .. .. .. .. | 8 | 3 | 7 | Ps. 16 | 32 | 5 | | | |
| Bolt .. .. .. .. .. | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 16 | 65 | | | |
| Rod .. .. .. .. .. | 1 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 10 | 25 | | | |
| Hoop .. .. .. .. .. | — | 2 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 33 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 26 | 1 | 48 |
| Brimstone .. .. .. .. | Md. | 2 | 12½ | | .. | | 1 | 31 | 16 |
| Garrison Stores— | | | | | | | | | |
| Martivan Jar .. .. .. | — | — | 1 | | .. | | 2 | 18 | — |
| Tar and Pitch— | | | | | | | | | |
| Pitch .. .. .. ... | qr. | 1 | 15½ | | 33 | 73 | | .. | |
| Rosin .. .. .. .. | | 26 | | | 9 | 8 | | .. | |
| | | | | | | | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| Carpenters lesser Tools— | | | | | | | | | |
| Glue .. | | | | 2½ lb. | | | — | 28 | 70 |
| Oil— | | | | | | | | | |
| Linseed .. .. .. | 1 Gallon | | | — | 27 | — | | | |
| Cocoanut .. .. .. | 95 seers | | | 2 | 31 | 50 | | | |
| Lamp .. .. .. | 192 Do. | | | 5 | 20 | 20 | | | |
| Wood .. .. .. | 5¾ Do. | | | — | 34 | 40 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 10 | 5 | 30 |
| Nails Midling— | | | | | | | | | |
| Twelve Penny .. .. | 139¾ lbs. | | | | | | 5 | 20 | 33 |
| Stationary— | | | | | | | | | |
| Lost by Sale .. .. .. | .. | | | | | | — | 13 | 75 |
| Provisions— | | | | | | | | | |
| Ghee .. .. .. | 12½ lb | | | | | | — | 31 | — |
| | | | | | | | 49 | 13 | 38 |

Errors Excepted.
℘ Richd. Fairfield,
*Storekeeper.*

Fort St. David 30th. April 1757.

Sundry accounts Dr. to Profit and Loss Pagodas 559–17–22 or so much Gained on the following this Year Vizt.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tar and Pitch .. .. .. .. | 4 | 9 | 48 | |
| Brass and Copper Ware .. .. | 2 | 12 | 50 | |
| Axes .. .. .. .. .. | — | 3 | — | |
| Goods for Madagascar .. .. | — | 34 | 40 | |
| Anchors .. .. .. .. .. | 10 | 26 | 35 | |
| Sailmakers Utensils .. .. .. | 1 | — | 24 | |
| Cordage .. .. .. .. .. | — | 30 | 47 | |
| Wire .. .. .. .. .. | — | 23 | 3C | |
| Sheet Lead .. .. .. .. | — | 18 | — | |
| Gardeners Tools .. .. .. | — | 8 | — | |
| Oil .. .. .. .. .. | 8 | 35 | 50 | |
| Timber and Plank .. .. .. | 312 | 25 | 60 | |
| Iron .. .. .. .. .. | 102 | 22 | 65 | |
| Smiths Tools .. .. .. .. | 4 | 31 | 43 | |
| Carpenters lesser Tools .. .. | 1 | 22 | 60 | |
| Carpenters large Tools .. .. | — | 8 | 40 | |
| Paper and Parchment .. .. | 5 | 33 | 2 | |
| Locks .. .. .. .. .. | 13 | 11 | 69 | |
| Lanthorns .. .. .. .. | 1 | 27 | — | |
| General Stores .. .. .. .. | 1 | 1 | 40 | |
| Boatswain's Stores .. .. .. | — | 1 | — | |
| Compasses .. .. .. .. | — | 27 | 40 | |
| Tin Ware .. .. .. .. | 1 | 17 | — | |
| Sail Cloth .. .. .. .. | 1 | 9 | — | |
| Lines .. .. .. .. .. | 3 | 35 | 55 | |
| Time Glasses .. .. .. .. | — | 3 | 70 | |
| Nails Small .. .. .. .. | 14 | 12 | 22 | |
| Nails Midling .. .. .. .. | 43 | 4 | 32 | |
| Nails Large .. .. .. .. | 3 | 18 | 60 | |
| Twine .. .. .. .. .. | 16 | 5 | — | |
| | | | | 559 17 22 |

Errors Excepted.

₱ Richd. Fairfield,
*Storekeeper.*

Fort St. David 30th. April 1757.

Armoury Petty Stores Dr. to Charges General Ps. 15 8 38

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| For Unshotted Cartridges 6094 Returned from the Garrison Use this Year .. .. | Ps. 15 | 8 | 38 | |

Profit and Loss Dr. To Sundry Accounts Pagodas 51—9 Sundry Old and Useless Stores Received from Deve Cotah, with Sundrys lost by Wear Rust Breakage &ca. this Year Vizt. .. .. .. .. ..

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **General Stores—** | | | | | |
| Tin Lanthorn's .. .. .. .. | 4 | 2 | — | — | |
| Red Lead .. .. .. .. .. | 8 lb. | — | 16 | — | |
| | | | | | 2 16 — |
| **Armoury Stores—** | | | | | |
| Cartridge Boxes .. .. .. .. | 43 | 7 | 6 | — | |
| Sword Scabbards .. .. .. | 45 | 1 | 9 | — | |
| Bayonet Scabbards .. .. .. | 100 | 5 | — | — | |
| Bayonet Belts .. .. .. .. | 32 | 1 | 24 | — | |
| Bay net offros .. .. .. .. | 45 | 1 | 9 | — | |
| Granado Pouches .. .. .. | 4 | 1 | — | — | |
| | | | | | 17 12 — |
| **Gunners Stores—** | | | | | |
| Powder horns .. .. .. .. | 28 | 9 | 12 | — | |
| Cartridge Paper .. .. .. .. | 37 quire | 3 | 3 | — | |
| | | | | | 12 15 — |
| **Laboratory Stores—** | | | | | |
| Paper Cartridges .. .. .. .. | 307 | 3 | — | 9 | |
| Powder cloth .. .. .. .. | 1 | 13 | 6 | — | |
| | | | | | 16 6 9 |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QUARTERMASTERS STORES— | | | | |
| Mommities | .. .. .. .. | 15 | .. | 1 31 40 |
| Cloth Wax Cloth | .. .. .. .. | 10 covs. | .. | — 27 40 |
| | | Pagodas | .. | 51 — 9 |

ERRORS EXCEPTED.
℘ RICHD. FAIRFIELD
*Milry. Storekr.*

## No. 131.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

We have this day drawn on you for Five Thousand six hundred Eight Pagodas (5608) in Favaur of Edmund Moskelyne, value received into the Honourable Company's cash here of Mr. Hugh Norris.

FORT ST. DAVID
17TH. OCTOBER 1757.

We are with Respect,
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
AR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
ROBERT SLOPER.

## No. 132.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

We have this day drawn on you for Eleven Hundred three Pagodas Twelve Fanams (1103–12) in favour of Charles Boddam Esqr. value received value received into the Honourable Company's Cash here of Alexander Wynch Esqr.

FORT ST. DAVID
21ST. OCTOBER 1757.

We are with Respect,
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
AR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
ROBT. SLOPER.

## No. 133.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

Agreeable to your directions Mr. Newton wrote to Monsr. D' Leyrit to know how far his Parole affected his acting in his civil Employs. His answer( which waits on you inclos'd) prohibits him from acting in any shape, We have therefore appointed Mr. Norris to act as Military Paymaster and Mr. Fairfield as Tevenapatam customer till we receive your Orders.

FORT ST. DAVID
25TH. OCTOBER 1757.

We are with Respect
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
AR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
ROBT. SLOPER.

*P.S.*—Mr. Norris having been for a long time Indispos'd beg your Permission to repair to the precidency, in hopes the change of Air may permote [*sic*] his Recovery.

A.W.
H.N.
R.F.
R.S.

PONDICHERRY
LE 21 OCTRE. 1757.

I as reur monsieur la lettre que vous mavet fait chonnuer de Mecrirs le 16 du courant vous nates pas sans donte instruit de ce que lou a Elige das Prefonmers qui out ete fait a Chandanagor et du traitement quils out Soufferts la reguear a Ele' pouss e'c jusqua a laur defendre menaal Ecrira, Ains i quel a sow assement Voulet vous que I apporte, a la Paroled honneur quevous avet donña cry de ne servir in aneune maneire, Jusqua ce que vous foyet echange Ie ne peres vous diffenser de Vous if terim a la lettre. IeSuis tres Sincerement Monsieur Votre tres humble Et tres Obeissant Serviteur.

DUVAL DELEYRIE.

MR. NEWTON.

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**No. 134.**

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

We have received your favour of the 24th. Ultimo and shall not fail to embrace all Oppertunitys that offer of drawing on you. We have also received the Bills on the Council of Pondicherry and when they Pay the amount, shall give the Presidency due Credit. Agreeable to your Orders We shall Pay Mr. Wynch all the arrears of the Deputy Governour's appointments but as Colonel Clive's attorney has been paid to the 1st. September, We request your Honour &ca. directions, in case he should continue to demand them. We now transmit the account of Quick stock to the 30th. September last.

We are with Respect
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

FORT ST. DAVID
1ST. NOVEMBER 1757.

AR. WYNCH.
HUGH NORRIS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
ROBT. SLOPER.

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**No. 135.**

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.
HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

We address'd you ℘ Pattamar, on the 5th. Ultimo, purposely to give cover to a Packet, for the President and Council at Fort William, and were a few days since fovored with your Honours &ca. Letter of the 7th. enclosing Two Packets from the Gentlemen at St. Helena, and Anjengo. A Vessel arriving lately with some slaves from Madagascar, We have purchased them, in order to be sent Your Honour &ca. by the first Conveyance. None of our ships from Europe are yet come in, but by the abovementioned Vessel which touch'd at Johanna, we learn't that Two ships, suppos'd to be under English colours, put into Mohilla, on the 1st. Ultimo, and therefore we now conclude they were destined for your Coast. The Chief and Factors at Tellicherry advise us under the 1st. Instant, that Two Ships appeared off that port, on

the 25th. Ultimo, under Portugueze colours, but from their sending a sick officer ashore at Mihie, as well as from other Circumstances, they make no doubt they were French, as likewise seven others which joined them from the Northward on the 27th. when they all stood to the southward, from whence we imagine, they proceeded for Pondicherry.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most obedient Servants
RICHD. BOURCHIER.
CHAS. CROMMELIN.
JAMES FOULIS.
WM. SEDGWICK.
GEORGE SCOTT.
J. BYFIELD.
WM. HORNBY.
... ... ...
SAM: HOUGH.

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 28TH. SEPTEMBER 1757.

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## No. 136.

(Translate from the Dutch.)

MADRASSPATNAM.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE AND THE
COAST OF CHOROMANDEL &CA. &CA. ON BEHALF OF THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY, AND TO THE COUNCIL THERE.

HONOURABLE SIR AND ESTEEM'D FRIENDS

As you promised us by your Letter of the 29th. November of last year that you would have another Factory built for the Netherlands East India Company, in lieu of that one belonging to them which was pull'd down, and of which We duely advised our Superiours at Batavia, and have in consequence received their full approbation to chuse the new House in Cuddalore, belonging to the Missionary Kiernander, instead of the aforesaid Dutch Factory House which has been pulled down; We cannot avoid communicating the same to you, and makeg. you our friendly request, that you will give directions accordingly, that so our Resident, the Juniour Merchant John James Baptist Tumbley, who is now at Cuddalore, may freely remove from his present habitation with all the Effects under his charge, into the aforesaid New House, and that the same may be henceforwards held as a Factory for the said Netherlands East India Company. And after cordial Greeting we remain

HONOURABLE SIR & ESTEEM'D FRIENDS
Your most faithfull Friends
and humble Servants
S. VERMONT.
DD. CD. VICK.
CH: VAN TEYLINGEN.
ANTNY. BONK.
BS. GEVEL.
PS. LOOMAN.
J. D. SEVERIN.
CORN PIETERSZ.
J. VERCHYLENBURGH.
JS. LS. TOPANDER.

NEGAPATAM
IN THE FORT THE
21ST. NOVEMBER 1757

## No. 137.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

We have received your favours of the 4th. and 19th. Ultimo with the Treasure, Stores and Medicines ℔ Sloop Cuddalore ℔ Country Boats which turn out agreeable to Invoice. We have heard nothing from the Council of Pondicherry relating to the payment of the Thirty five thousand Rupees therefore wait your Honour &ca. directions in regard to the two second Bills of Exchange.

We are with Respect
Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Fort St. David
1st. December 1757.

Ar. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robert Sloper.

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## No. 138.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

The 18th. Ultimo the accompanying List of Men incapable of doing duty on account of age sickness and wounds was delivered in by the then Commanding Officer Captain Hume, and being referred to the Examination of Mr. Hancock our Surgeon, he confirmed their Incapacity of doing duty, upon which We ordered the fourteen Englishmen to be put on the Pension List, which we hope will meet with your approbation, but Major Pollier having informed us that by the contract made with Swiss they are to remain at full pay till their time Expires, We have continued them upon the Rolls. Inclosed you will receive an Indent for sundries wanting in the Warehouse, which we beg you Honours &ca. will comply with as soon as possible, Particularly the yellow cloth, as there is not a Piece in the Godown to make up the Military Cloathings.

We are with Respect
Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Fort St. David
7th. December 1757.

Ar. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robert Sloper.

Fort St. David 5th. December 1757.

Indent of Goods wanting for the Use of the Import and Export Ware house Vizt.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Broad Cloth Fine Yellow .. .. .. .. .. .. | | 1 Bale. |
| Broad Cloth Ordinary— | | |
| Yellow .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 4 Bales. | |
| Blue .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 2 Do. | |
| | | 6 Do. |
| Perpetuanoes Fine .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | | 1 Do. |
| White Lead .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 1 Candy. | |
| Red Lead .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 1 Do. | |
| Red Oaker .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 1 Do. | |
| Saltpetre .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 50 Do. | |

Hugh Norris
*W.H.kr.*

## No. 139.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

We have this day drawn on you for One thousand six hundred ten Pagodas Nineteen Fanams in Favour of Robert Orme Esqr. Value received into the Honourable Company's cash here of Mr. Hancock.

Fort St. David
9th. December 1757.

We are with Respect,
Honourable Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Ar. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robert Sloper.

## No. 140.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

We have received your Favour of the 12th. and shall transmit you the Plan of Mr. Keirnander's House and Ground in Cuddalore as soon as the Engineer has compleated it and at the same time acquaint you whether he is willing to sell his House and Ground and at what Rate. We have drawn on you in favour of John Smith Esqr. for Two thousand (2000) Pagodas value received into the Honble Company's Cash here of Mr. Dawsonne Drake. Our Merchants are very Importunate for an advance, but We do not chuse to comply with their request at this time with your Honour &ca. directions.

Fort St. David
20th. December 1757.

We are with Respect,
Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Humble Servant[s]

Ar. Wynch.
Hugh Norris.
Richd. Fairfield.
Robert Sloper.

## No. 141.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

Since our last address of the 28th. September, We have received your Honour &ca's.. Favours of the 26th. August, 15 September and 1st. Ultimo with the Europe and other Packets therein mentioned. Duplicate.

A foreign Vessel having brought fifty (50) slaves from Madagascar, We have purchas'd them, to send to St. Helena, by the first Conveyance, in consequence of your Honour &ca. Information that they are wanted there. We congratulate you on the safe arrival of our Honourable Master's ships, Boscawen, Norfolk, Tavistock, and Princess Augusta, but are concerned to Advise, that by an over Land Letter the President has received from Mr. Secretary James dated the 10th. May The four ships destined directly for this Duplicate.

Presidency, were then in the Downes, waiting for a fair Wind, Wish all however, in a great measure obviate the Inconvenience, which would attend their late arrival, if the President and Council at Fort William, send Us a supply of Salt Petre, by our having ordered a very considerable Quantity of Pepper, to be brought hither from Tellicherry, as We shall thereby be enabled to return three ships directly home. Enclos'd is a Packet for the President & Council at Bengal, which We desire your Honour &c^a^. will forward by the first oppertunity.

13 NOVEMBER 1757.
BOMBAY CASTLE

We are
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants

R^D^. BOURCHIER.
CHA^S^. CROMMELIN.
JAMES FOULIS.
W^M^. SEDGWICKE.
GEORGE SCOTT.
J. BYFELD.
W^M^. HORNBY.
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SAM: HUGH.

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## N°. 142.

TO THE HONOURABLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A^. COUNCIL OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

Our last address was under the 20^th^. September (Duplicate of which is enclosed) and on the 24th. We received your Favour of the 26th. August. On the 19^th^. Ultimo, a French ship arrived at Myhie from Pondicherry, named the Bristol, taken from us in Europe last War, she mounts twenty six Guns, [has] One hundred and Twenty hands on board, of whom forty only are Europeans, and brought sixty Recruits for Myhie, with three officers. and after receiving some pepper sailed Yesterday morning to the Northward, but whither we are unacquainted. By advices from Anjengo, Dated the 26^th^. Ultimo, we are informed of the arrival of Ships Latham, Hawke, York, and Lord Anson which left the Lizard the 5^th^. June bound to Bombay and in their Passage, took a French Bomb Vessel returning from Pondicherry to the Islands with advices, which were sunk before they took her, Her compliment of Hands was Twenty two men. Enclosed is a packet received last night from Bombay, but another directed to your Honour &c^a^. mentioned to us in a duplicate Letter under the 13 Ultimo, is not yet come to hand.

TELLICHERRY
12 DECEMBER 1757.

We are
Your most humble Servants
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

THO^S^. HODGES.
TITUS SCOTT.
THO^S^. SATCHWELL.
HENRY JOHNSON.

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